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Our illustration of M. Augustin Querol's beautiful design on the monument at Saragossa, commemorating the centenary of the Saragossa's struggle for freedom during the Peninsular War, has been so much appreciated by our readers that we give this week a drawing of the reverse side, where M. Querol shows the Maid of Saragossa (Agosina) at the moment when she seized the torch from her dead lover and fired the gun. The story is told by Miss Emily Davison in VOTES FOR WOMEN for November 4.

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this end is attained, not only will women make their political position safe for all time, but the Government, having wiped out the unsatisfactory record of the past few years, will be able to face the country with their Veto proposals without laying themselves open to the reproach of insincerity and inconsistency which would fall upon them were they to attack the Lords' veto when they themselves had vetoed and so destroyed the Woman Suffrage Bill.

Strike of Welsh Liberal Women.

Welsh Liberal women have decided to take the first step in militancy with a view of compelling the Liberal Party to pass the Woman Suffrage Bill. At their Conference at Cardiff last week two resolutions were carried. The first, calling upon the Government to utilise the time of truce to give facilities to the Conciliation Bill introduced by Mr. Shackleton, was carried unanimously. The second, which was carried with only three dissentients, was of a more drastic character. Its terms were as follows:

Should the present Government fail to give a satisfactory reply to the application which the Conciliation Committee will make this Autumn for facilities for its Suffrage Bill, this Conference recommends all liberal women to confine themselves to Suffrage work until the vote be won; and, in pursuit of this object, suggests that they shall support only those Liberal members who voted for the Bill, and shall refrain from opposing members of other parties who voted for it. This resolution shows the indecision in which Liberal women all over the country are moving. The Liberal Government will do well to take the lesson to heart before the strike becomes a revolt, and the revolt brings about the complete submergence of the Liberal Party.

Conservative Women Determined.

The Countess of Selborne and other women of the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Association have sent a letter to Members of Parliament who voted for the second reading of the Conciliation Bill, urging upon them to "break no delay in passing the

Bill into law. Hitherto, they remark, though the House of Commons has declared frequently that women ought to have the vote it seems to have found some difficulty in translating this conviction into an Act, yet the present is a time when it is of special necessity that women should have a voice in politics, seeing that laws are being passed regulating matters which are the special concern of women. "We will not accept," the letter concludes, "the interpretation that some of our opponents put upon your action—that you wish to deceive us, are telling us lies, in fact; we refuse this explanation, for you are honourable men, and what you say you mean, and so we confidently commit our cause to your hands."

The Thin End of the Wedge.

A clever passage in the letter is that in which it deals with the argument about the "thin end of the wedge."

We beg that you will not be alarmed by those who tell you this is only the thin end of the wedge. The British Constitution is stuck full of the thin ends of wedges which do no harm because the common sense of the community refuses to drive them further." That passage exactly expresses the position. There is scarcely a measure which can be placed upon the Statute Book which is not regarded by some of its supporters and by some of its opponents as the thin end of the wedge which may lead to a much wider or more extreme proposition in the future; but there are others who recognize that it may lead to nothing of the kind, and therefore this fact does not prevent the passage of the moderate proposal which is admitted by the vast majority of the people to be sound. To-day the country and the members of Parliament are overwhelmingly in favour of giving the vote to women who pay taxes and taxes, and therefore this measure ought to be carried into law, leaving to the future to decide

To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom! to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

The impression prevailing at the moment of our going to press is that the parties to the Conference have not arrived at that measure of agreement which would enable them to submit jointly recommended proposals to the House of Commons. The inevitable consequence of this breakdown of negotiations seems to be a General Election in January. Discussing this prospect in the *Daily News* of Tuesday last, P.W.W. says:

The only safe course for the Government to pursue, so it is agreed, should be a complete clearance of outstanding business in the Autumn sitting.

With these words women find themselves in hearty agreement, making the proviso that the complete clearance of outstanding business shall include the settlement of the long overdue question of Woman Suffrage. If, by the passage of the Conciliation Bill,

whether a Bill to extend the franchise to more men or to more women shall or shall not be carried later.

Mr. Haldane at Oxford.

When Mr. Haldane rose at the annual dinner of the Palmerston Club, Oxford, to reply to the toast of the Liberal Party, a member of the Men's Political Union for Woman's Enfranchisement said that he wanted to know what was going to be done with the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage. He asked for a "direct answer." With surprising candour, Mr. Haldane replied that there were many questions to which hundreds of thousands of persons in the country wanted direct answers, but that they would not get them. Men may tolerate the refusal of direct answers to questions affecting matters of vital concern, but women are not so complaisant, and the Government will find that women will vigorously demand a direct answer on the subject of the Woman Suffrage Bill. Proceeding with his speech, Mr. Haldane delivered a warning to the Liberal Party which we hope will be taken seriously to heart by the Prime Minister. He referred to the awakening of King Demos, and to the determination of the working man to get more and more for the masses of the people. He was not, he said, apprehensive of anything revolutionary coming out of the tendency, but he wanted the Liberal Party to be in earnest in this matter and provide a safety valve which would let off the steam of the revolutionary movements before they caused an explosion, instead of waiting till they were forced into doing things. Mr. Haldane may not have intended this counsel to apply to the case of women's agitation for the vote, but it does apply, most precisely, and for the Government to sit on the safety valve by refusing facilities for the Conciliation Bill will necessarily produce a revolt amongst women even more widespread than that of the past.

What Will The Colonies Say?

A very unfortunate and ill-judged appointment is that of the Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt to the office of Secretary for the Colonies. Keen resentment will be felt by the women of Australia and New Zealand—who enjoy the liberties of self-government equally with men—that their representatives should in future be obliged to deal in their relations with the Mother Country with an avowed opponent of women's political enfranchisement and a subscriber to the secret funds of the Anti-Suffrage League. The Government would have been better advised had they chosen for this office a man less tarred with the Anti-Suffrage brush. For the women in Australia and New Zealand have every right to protest against the affront that has been offered to them.

Fair Treatment For The Discontented.

"You may give the miners the following message from me. Their best friends are greatly distressed at the trouble which has broken out, and will do their best to help them to get fair treatment."

In these friendly and even affectionate terms has the Home Secretary addressed the riotous Welsh miners, who have created a reign of terror in the Rhondda Valley. How is it, we ask, that Suffragist militancy has not in the past been met by the Government in this same spirit of sweet reasonableness? Why do they deal out repression to women who actively express discontent, and offers of fair treatment to discontented men? It would be so easy for the Government to calm the women's rebellion by peaceful means, since they are themselves the cause of it and could immediately give the political fair play which women demand. In providing fair play for the Welsh miners, on the other hand, they have at their disposal only the indirect method of an appeal to the employers. Again, the deserts of women Suffragists, judged by their actions, are much greater than those of the miners.

Women's Milder Methods.

The women have contented themselves with protests which have caused no hurt to persons and virtually no injury to property. The Welsh miners have already caused injury to the police; they have doomed hundreds of horses to death by suffocation and starvation; they are doing serious damage to the mines; they are wrecking shops and other property belonging to private individuals. All this cruelty and destruction is being done in a cause of far less importance than that which women have at heart. For the miners are contending merely for a point in their Trade Union programme, while women are striving for the fundamental right of citizenship. In the light of these facts the differences between the Government's treatment of men and their treatment of women is truly amazing. But let us hope that Mr. Churchill's conciliatory message to the miners indicates that reform, not repression, is

now to be the policy of the Government in their dealings with men and women alike.

Albert Hall Meeting.

All the reserved tickets have been sold out for the great meeting of the W.S.P.U. which is taking place in the Albert Hall on Thursday after we have gone to press, and there is every promise that the meeting will surpass the successful gatherings which have been held in the hall on previous occasions.

The Woman's Movement in Pageant.

A delightful experience of what Suffragettes can do in other fields than those of direct politics was provided at Bristol on Saturday last, when an entertainment was given in aid of the funds of the W.S.P.U. at the Prince's Theatre. The programme included a beautiful exhibition of Morris dancing and performances of the play "How the Vote was Won" and of the "Pageant of Great Women." The theatre was crowded, and the hearty applause of the audience showed their appreciation not merely of the plays and the acting but also the political hits which were made. In one of the intervals Mrs. Pethick Lawrence came before the curtain and showed how with the woman's movement was linked up all the joy and health and vigour of the growing life of to-day.

No Vote No Tax!

In another part of the paper we report the case of Miss Ada Kent, of Stratford, who has made a splendid stand against the injustice of taxing women who are voteless. For the non-payment of poor and district rates amounting to about £10 she was sent to prison on Thursday, November 3, the committal being for twenty-one days on one count and fourteen days on another.

Items of Interest.

Bangor Town Council, as a matter of urgency, has passed a resolution calling on the Government, to grant facilities for the Conciliation Bill at an early date.

The Mayoralty of Oldham has been offered to Mrs. Lee. Miss Gwenllian Philip Morgan has been nominated Mayor of Brecon.

As a result of the municipal elections there are now altogether 16 women members of Town Councils.

Other Suffrage Societies are holding a Special Suffrage Week; details of some of the meetings are given on other pages.

THE DEPUTATION.

Names are still coming in steadily for the deputation to the Prime Minister (should this be necessary). Volunteers should write at once to Miss Christabel Pankhurst, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C. Many who cannot themselves take part are sending contributions to the war chest. Another way of helping in London is extending hospitality to delegates from other parts of the country. They are asked to send in their names to the Hospitality Secretary, Miss Ellen Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C., who also will be glad to hear from delegates wanting hospitality. Tickets for the meeting at Carton Hall on the evening of November 22 are now ready, and can be had, price 1s., from the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

"You want the deputation to go; you want the protest to be made; you don't want this Bill destroyed, but how can you expect other women to do anything if you do nothing yourselves? Who are you that you are privileged to stand aside and clap your hands at the sacrifices that others are making? Why is it more difficult for you to join this deputation than it is for others?" (Miss Pankhurst at Queen's Hall.)

PROGRAMME MASS MEETING OF WOMEN AT THE Royal Albert Hall, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th,

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ON

The Woman Suffrage Bill

NOW BEFORE PARLIAMENT.

Chair: Mrs. PANKHURST.

Speaker: ISRAEL ZANGWILL, Esq.

RESOLUTION.

This meeting calls upon the Government to withdraw the veto which it has placed upon the Woman Suffrage Bill now before the House of Commons, and to leave the elected representatives of the people free to carry the Bill through its final stages during the present session of Parliament.

Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

[Collection: It is hoped to raise at least £6,000.]

Miss CHRISTABEL PANKHURST, LL.B.

SPECIAL EVENTS DURING NOVEMBER.

Friday, 11.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at the Theatre Royal, Margate, 3 p.m.

Monday, 14.—Queen's Hall, Langham Place, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Evelyn Sharp, 3 p.m. Mrs. Pankhurst at Pembroke Chapel, Liverpool, 8 p.m. Mrs. Massy and Mr. F. W. Pethick Lawrence at the Albert Hall, Portsmouth, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 15.—Parliament reassembles. Mrs. Pankhurst at the Town Hall, Birmingham, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, 16.—Mrs. Pankhurst at the Town Hall, Reading, 8 p.m. Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Sir John Rolleston, M.P., at the Albert Hall, Nottingham, 8 p.m.

Thursday, 17.—Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, London, E.C., Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, 8 p.m.

Friday, 18.—Miss Christabel Pankhurst at the Town Hall, Kensington, 3 p.m.

Saturday, 19.—Mrs. Pankhurst at the Palace Theatre, Southampton (afternoon).

Monday, 21.—Mrs. Pankhurst at the Town Hall, Hampstead, 8 p.m.

A full list of other meetings will be found on p. 90 *et seq.*

SOUTHPORT EXHIBITION.

December 14, 15, 16, 17.

Exhibition Headquarters: 13, Nevill Street, Southport.

If any reader of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* is under the impression that this Bazaar is a small local undertaking, let him or her immediately dismiss the illusion! On the contrary, it is a great National enterprise, and it must be supported Nationally, by all members of the Union working in hearty co-operation. The Union has never yet appealed to its members in vain, and we are sure that on this occasion, as on so many others, they will combine to break all previous records. The proceeds are to be devoted to a great extension of the W.S.P.U. Campaign in Lancashire. Every gift sent to the stalls, every purchase made, means something done to break the chains which keep women in subjection, and to better the conditions of the over-worked and underpaid in the industrial world.

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we shall publish an article by Miss Ethel Smyth, Mus. Doc., the celebrated Composer, entitled "Better Late than Never." Dr. Smyth, it will be remembered, is the composer of the opera, "The Wreckers," as well as numerous songs and operas.

THE MOVEMENT IN IRELAND.

By F. Sheehy Skeffington.

Until two years ago very little spade work, as compared with England, had been done by the older movement in Ireland. It is true that the Irish Women's Suffrage and Local Government Association (the Irish section of the N.U.W.S.S.) had been in existence for many years, and had industriously pursued its propaganda. But it failed entirely to awaken popular enthusiasm or sympathy, and the masses of the population never heard of it. When the beginning of the militant movement in England roused the younger women to a sense of its inertia and ineffectiveness they knew how little interest was then taken in the question in Ireland, fearing the magnitude of the task before them, and, above all, restrained by personal respect for the veteran leader, Mrs. Haslam, took no steps towards the founding of a new organisation till 1908.

The determining factor that made action inevitable was undoubtedly the County Council Bill of 1907. By that Bill, a sop offered in the vain hope of placating the English Suffragettes, women were made eligible for membership of County and Borough Councils in England; Scotland was subsequently included, but Ireland was left out. There were curious rumours at the time, which have never been denied, as to the precise agency by which this exclusion was effected. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman declared in the House that he was willing to include Irishwomen if there was any demand; and it was said that some of those who ought to have been foremost in pressing the claims of Irish-women acted in a contrary direction. The general moral was plain. Englishwomen had secured this privilege because they had an active militant Suffrage agitation; Irishwomen had been denied it because they had not. This roused the younger Irish Suffragettes from their lethargy. "If," they reasoned, "a woman's suffrage bill were passed for England to-morrow, what guarantee have we that Irishwomen would not be similarly left out?" They realised that they had in effect been leaving the English Suffragettes to fight their battles for them, and assuming as a matter of course that Irishwomen would share the fruits of the victory. They now recognised that this assumption was unfounded, and that even if it were correct, it would be a disgrace to Irishwomen to be emancipated without having themselves taken an active part in the fight for freedom.

The Militant Spirit

So in October, 1908, the Irish Women's Franchise League was founded in Dublin. The three main principles of the founders, adherence to which has secured the success of the League, were: (1) The spirit of the League should be that of the brave women who had faced prison and calumny for the sake of the cause; (2) the League must be an independent Irish organisation, working on Irish lines and with special reference to Irish conditions; (3) it must be entirely independent of all political parties within Ireland. Starting from these premises, the League found that in one respect, at any rate, it had an advantage over the workers across the Irish Sea. The native tradition of Ireland has always been to allow women a full share in all men's privileges and powers. Nearly every movement that started within Ireland has accorded women equal privileges as a matter of course. So that when the Irish Women's Franchise League set to work it found a great deal of ignorance and apathy, it is true, but little or no real hostility. Once the interest of the people was aroused and the facts of the women's claim explained to them, their sympathy was easily enlisted. A good many, therefore, of the preliminary hardships which beset the militant campaign in England have been spared the Irish workers.

But difficulties in other directions have not been wanting. Both political parties, of course, distrusted the new women's movement. Nationalists urged women to "wait till we get Home Rule," and trust to the chivalry of Irishmen to give them their rights then. But this facile postponement and easy trust was not to the taste of the new League. Other Nationalists condemned the League for seeking for a vote from the British Parliament—as if the vote were a purely English invention! Suggestions that the League was run from England were not wanting from the same quarters; while Unionists, on the other hand, accused the League of being Nationalist because of its very independence of the English societies and its insistence on Ireland's special conditions. These charges have been met one by one, answered, and lived down; and both friend and foe now recognise the League as being at once Irish and non-party.

The first winter's work was confined to Dublin and the immediate vicinity. Meetings were held frequently, in various buildings, the League having then no permanent premises except a small office. In the summer of 1909 regular weekly open-air propaganda began, and members on holidays carried news of the movement to remote parts of Ireland. The second winter commenced with the acquisition of permanent premises in Dublin, where weekly meetings were held and a vast amount of attention awakened. The work also spread to the provinces, as new workers came in and Dublin needed less attention from the leaders. The open-air campaign this summer was on a much more extensive scale than in 1909; Dublin may now be said to be thoroughly worked up, as evidenced by the recent unanimous vote of the City Council in favour of the Conciliation Bill. During the winter, special attention will be given to the provinces, and a number of new branches will be added to those already established. I should mention that in Belfast, an independent organisation, the

Irish Woman's Suffrage Society, which broke away from the older Association about the same time as the formation of the Irish Women's Franchise League, has been working on similar lines, though within a small area. The formation of a Dublin branch of the Conservative Women's Franchise Society, the greater activity shown by the older Association, and the foundation of the very useful Anti-Suffrage League in Dublin, are also direct results of the attention attracted by the new movement.

The First Militant Step.

From the beginning the Irish Women's Franchise League was in thorough sympathy with the militant tactics; it drew its inspiration from them; its first act, at its first meeting, was to send the militants a vote of solidarity; and its leaders have always contemplated the adoption of militant tactics by Irishwomen themselves. Educational propaganda had to come first, that militant action might not be taken without a consciousness of organised force behind it; but militancy was throughout the goal. On Oct. 21, the first act of militancy in Ireland took place. Mr. Birrell, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, having been asked to receive a joint deputation from the various Dublin Suffrage Societies, declined to do so on the plea of pressure of business. He was receiving a deputation of men almost daily, but he had no time to receive the women. As a consequence, some members of the Irish Women's Franchise League attended a meeting which he addressed in Dublin, and subjected him to some very effective heckling. A similar protest at Greystones a few days later, induced Mr. Birrell to surrender; he agreed to receive a deputation—from the militants only. It was a great surprise to Mr. Birrell, who doubtless thought that, as Irishwomen had not adopted these tactics in the past, he could count on immunity in the future; but he knows better now. Of course, there is comparatively little opportunity for this form of protest in Ireland, as the Chief Secretary seldom speaks there, and other Cabinet Ministers never; but the warning may prove useful. Finally, as a result of the enthusiasm generated by Mrs. Pankhurst's recent tour under the auspices of the League, a number of leading members have volunteered to take part in the next deputation to Westminster. This will be the first official representation of women in Ireland on these deputations, and for the first time a body of Irish women will cross the Irish Sea specially to represent their nation in the forefront of the fight. The devotion that makes this sacrifice is the crown of all the previous labours of the League.

A TRUCE OF GOD.

I have lately had a unique and wonderful experience. The whole manner of it I cannot tell, but this I know—that, going to my room on the night of the 12th of July in a state of unparalleled exaltation, I found myself aware, as dreams began to hover, that the sleep into which I was falling was not the ordinary sleep of oblivion, but a condition in which my spirit was awake and launching into space.

Presently, as I rose above the earth, I came into a spiritual presence. I saw nothing, heard nothing, felt nothing, and yet I knew I was not alone. I knew the presence was a dual presence, tender and strong, and I knew it was there to help.

Then, suddenly, with a thrill of awe, I knew that I was being led into another presence—into the presence of that Absolute Justice which determines the destinies of Mankind.

The tribunal (to speak the language of earth) seemed to be composed of many presences, male and female. And yet not many, but one. And I was aware that there was debate among them, and that earth-messages were flashing in and out like bees in sunlight. And I noticed that debate was only for wisdom, and that in the end there was neither majority nor minority, but one accepted truth.

Much was unintelligible to me, but some things, despite the perplexing rejection of certain time-honoured conclusions, I seemed to understand. I observed much humorous impatience (it is impossible to avoid the earth-words) with our human bickering and with our self-inflicted inequalities, much also with many of our social palliatives. I seemed to understand that in that presence education, politics and religion are one—the art of the conduct of life.

But most of all was I held by the debate on the relative spheres upon the earth of men and women, or, rather, on the claim of women for equal human recognition and men's denial of that claim. As the debate proceeded I was almost swept away by the myriads of messages flashed to the tribunal, and flashed out (as I thought) to myriads of individual souls. And yet in its course there was never a question of comparison—in that presence male and female are one—there was question only of how effective justice might most speedily be done, of how honourable, but apparently irreconcilable, antagonisms, each seeking to solve the supreme earth-problem in its own imperfect way, might be prompted to forget for a moment their differences, to acquiesce in some great Truce of God, and purge the world for ever of its darkest stain.

At last the harmonious fiat went forth: "It is decreed that whenever upon the earth the time is ripest, the secular strife of the Few and the Many shall cease till the co-equality of the two elements in humanity has been established, and Man begins to do unto Woman as Man would have Us do unto him."

A decree issuing from that presence is resistless, and in the ecstasy of my privileged knowledge, I found myself flashing back to earth, where I awoke next morning from a refreshing sleep to a tiny little tap at my door, and "Seven o'clock, Sir!" in a friendly woman's voice.

John Russell.

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LIBERAL WOMEN REVOLT.

A Welsh National Conference of Liberal Women was held at the Cory Hall, Cardiff, on Thursday in last week, to discuss the Conciliation Committee's Bill, and to pass resolutions in its favour. Mrs. Lester Jones (Cardiff) presided, and she was supported on the platform by Mr. H. N. Brailsford (Secretary of the Conciliation Committee), Mrs. D. A. Thomas, Mrs. Viriamu Jones, Mrs. Ellis Griffiths, Mrs. Walter Lloyd (Aberdare), Mrs. Principal Edwards, Mrs. David Salmon (Swansea), Mrs. Herbert Thompson, Mrs. Mullin, and others. In the body of the hall were delegates from the Women's Liberal Associations all over the Principality.

The President said she was one of a small delegation who met Mr. Lloyd George on the subject in Downing Street, and notwithstanding the speech he had made with regard to the Conciliation Bill, she continued to believe that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was interested in and a supporter of Women's Suffrage. She had hoped, up to the last moment, to have received some message from him to that conference, but nothing had come so far. They wanted to have the Suffrage from a Liberal, and not from a Conservative Government. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Glen Wade (Cardiff), one of the organisers of the conference, read a letter from Mr. D. A. Thomas, M.P., in which he said he hoped that the present Government would give facilities to the Conciliation Bill. It was puerile for any Liberal to oppose it because it was not sufficiently democratic.

A REPROACH TO THE COUNTRY.

Mrs. Walter Lloyd (Aberdare) moved the first resolution—

That this conference, while reaffirming its demand for Welsh Disestablishment, calls upon the Liberal Government to utilise a period of truce, during which no party measure can be carried, by giving facilities for the passage into law of Mr. Shackleton's Women's Suffrage Bill, which is, in its opinion, moderate, equitable, and democratic.

Mrs. Lloyd said it was a reproach to the country that it did not do what the Colonies had already done for women.

Mrs. Principal Edwards, in seconding, spoke of her work amongst the poorer classes in Cardiff. The women who were sent time after time to prison were more diseased than criminal, and it was the law that made them criminal. The law needed to be humanised, but that would not come about until it was womanised. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. D. A. Thomas also supported the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Viriamu Jones moved the following resolution—

Should the present Government fail to give a satisfactory reply to the application which the Conciliation Committee will make this autumn for facilities for its Suffrage Bill, this conference recommends all Liberal women to confine themselves to suffrage work until the vote be won, and, in pursuit of this object, suggests that they shall support only those Liberal members who voted for the Bill, and shall refrain from opposing members of other parties who voted for it.

Mrs. Jones said the resolution was a challenge to all Liberal women to do something practical in their own cause.

TIME LIBERAL WOMEN MADE A STAND.

This resolution was seconded by Mrs. David Salmon, President of the W.L.A. in Swansea, who said she thought it was time Liberal women made a stand, and decided that they would not go on working for those members of Parliament who would not pledge themselves to support the Bill (applause). Mrs. Salmon stated that she represented a branch of 1,200 who had passed the resolution on the previous evening with only one dissentient. Mr. H. N. Brailsford supported the resolution. He said the Suffrage was not, in its essence, a party question. The basis of the Conciliation Bill was the existing municipal franchise. In London alone there were 180,000 women on the municipal register. There was no objection from the women themselves that all married women were not to be included in the franchise under the Bill.

Miss Rachel Barrett (Carmarthen) said that she hoped and believed the women would pass the resolution, because they were standing out for a fundamental principle of Liberalism. They were the custodians of the dignity and honour of the women of the country, and it was for them to show that there must be Liberalism for women as well as for men. She believed that when their battle was won Liberalism and the Liberal Party would not be found to have suffered because Liberal women made a stand for honourable terms of service to their party. Mrs. D. A. Thomas, who supported the resolution, remarked that she wanted Wales to lead in this important matter. The English, Scotch, and Irish women had not yet decided on such a drastic step as that contemplated by the resolution, but she was sure they would follow Wales's lead, once given. (Hear, hear.)

Mrs. Price White (Bangor), who stated that she was one of the women from his constituency who attended on Mr. Lloyd George in the recent deputation, said they must bring some pressure to bear upon him, as the Welsh Liberal leader, and the resolution indicated the pressure that would be effective.

This resolution was carried with only three dissentients.

A PRESS OPINION.

South Wales Daily News.

"That there is much to be said for the Bill and for House of Commons facilities for its

"passing hence" to the Lords can hardly be denied after yesterday's great and triumphant conference. . . . We believe the Cardiff Conference will go far in advancing the legitimate movement for the Vote, and when the consummation does come it will be in large measure through the able and untiring efforts of the Women Liberals of Wales."

STRONG WORDS FROM WALES.

Speaking at a public meeting at Cory Hall, Cardiff, last week, Lord Lytton, chairman of the Conciliation Committee, prophesied that there would be no rest in the country as long as half the population was deprived of its right, and that within the lifetime of the present generation, not only this country, but every other civilised State, would grant the franchise to women under the same conditions as those under which it is held by men.

"WHAT DOES HE MEAN?"

A correspondent in South Africa sends us a cutting from the *Natal Witness*, in which a speech by Viscount Gladstone at Durban is reported. At the conclusion of his speech Lord Gladstone is reported to have assured his hearers that he came to South Africa with a clean sheet, having left his unhappy and unlucky past behind him. Our correspondent comments: "What does he mean?"



Mrs. Stanley Moyer in a rickshaw advertising Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting at Bath.

We are going straight on to victory, and no Government and no repressive measures will be able to stop us.

—Mrs. MANSELL at Ipswich.

"NOBODY COULD!"

"The young man can go in," said the "Bobby" on guard to an American lady, Mrs. Julia L. Beeson, who wished to go through the House of Commons, "but you cannot."

"But my son," she said, stoutly, "guarantees that I'll behave myself."

The "Bobby" shook his head.

"If you're a Suffragette, lady, he couldn't keep you straight; nobody could do that."

From the "New York Call."

SELLING THE PAPER.

Early Victorian Gentleman (pomposely): I can't understand why you Suffragettes do all these queer things. Do you do them because you want to get married, or because you don't want to get married?

Paper Seller (patiently): We do them to get votes.

E. V. G. (with withering sarcasm): I see. You think about nothing but votes. How flattering for the men of your generation! In my young days all the decent women thought about was getting married—they didn't care to whom, as long as they could get married.

P. S. (sweetly): How flattering for the men of your generation!

EIGHT AND A HALF YARDS OF SUFFRAGE NEWS.

Mr. Cameron Swan, Hon. Sec. of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, Croydon, has sent us a sheaf of local papers, all of one day's issue. The Suffrage news in their combined columns amounts to something like 8½ yards! This includes news of the Men's League meeting, addressed by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mr. Cecil Chapman, which has had Mr. Cameron Swan writes, "a splendid effect in Croydon" as well as of meetings held by other Suffrage societies and by the "Antis." Sir R. T. Hermon-Hodge, the Unionist M.P. for Croydon, has consented to receive a deputation from the local W.S.P.U.

Evidently the truce that has been observed has not quenched the zeal of the Suffragettes, and Cabinet Ministers look like having to undergo more humiliating experiences unless they induce the Prime Minister to give way to the women.

—Somerset County Gazette.

DEPUTATIONS TO M.P.'S.

MR. SILVESTER HORNE, M.P.

A deputation, consisting of Miss Steward and Miss Grace Roe, was received by Mr. Silvester Horne, M.P. for Ipswich, last week. Miss Roe reminded Mr. Horne that six months ago a local W.S.P.U. had been opened in Ipswich; that three large mass meetings in the Corn Exchange and Public Hall, and over fifty indoor meetings, had been held; that contingents of women had gone to London to take part in the two large demonstrations in support of the Bill; and that at all recent meetings resolutions asking the Government to give facilities for the further stages of the Bill had been put, and in most cases carried unanimously. In reply to the question, "Is there any reason why facilities should not be granted?" Mr. Horne emphatically said, "No." Asked whether there was time for discussion of the Bill, he said, "Certainly," and that, if not, Government could easily make it. Mr. Horne then signed the memorial asking the Government for further facilities.

MR. G. H. RADFORD, M.P.

Mr. G. H. Radford, M.P. for East Islington, received a deputation of members of the Islington W.S.P.U. on Thursday in last week. Mr. Radford, who was one of the Liberal Members who voted for the Bill, and also for sending it to a Grand Committee, in the course of the interview promised to continue his support.

MR. PERCY HARRIS, M.P.

Mr. Percy Harris, M.P. for South Paddington gave a most unsatisfactory answer to a deputation, consisting of Miss Susan Lawrence, L.C.U.C., Mrs. Morgan Browne, Miss Leigh Browne, the Hon. E. Haverfield, Dr. Keith, and Mrs. Nettlefold, on Thursday in last week. Miss Lawrence presented the case in a thoughtful and excellent speech, as did Mrs. Morgan Browne. Miss Leigh Browne spoke on the white slave traffic, and the need for women's co-operation with men to remove this evil; while Mrs. Haverfield dealt with the question of poverty and under-payment of women. Mrs. Haverfield, Hon. Sec. of the Paddington W.S.P.U., reports that "Mr. Harris swept all arguments aside with an airy wave of his hand and a giggle, remarking that adult suffrage was really the aim." Upon Mrs. Haverfield's pointing out that there would be six men electors to each woman he flatly contradicted her, saying this was not so, and declined to argue the point, remarking that during the last election he had on no occasion been asked his views by a single elector. Mrs. Haverfield pointed out that the resolution, put at all outdoor Suffrage meetings, pressing the Government to grant further time for the Conciliation Bill, was invariably carried, to which Mr. Harris replied that it was unlikely the crowd at those meetings would be his electors. He also thought that to press Mr. Asquith at this time might embarrass the Government. Miss Susan Lawrence remarked she did not see why he should mind that. "The abiding impression left by such an interview," says Mrs. Haverfield, "must have been to make women once more realise the importance of getting men of capacity and brains into Parliament, and also how little voiceless women count as things now are."

MR. NORMAN CRAIG, M.P.

Mr. Norman Craig, M.P. for Thanet, has signed the memorial to Mr. Asquith asking for further facilities for the Bill. Miss Salis, the hon. secretary for the Ramsgate N.U.W.S.S., represented both her own society and the W.S.P.U. Mr. Craig explained that he acted as a consistent Unionist in voting for keeping a Franchise Bill in Committee of the whole House.

SIR F. LOWE, M.P.

A deputation consisting of Miss Kirby, Miss Lowndes, and Miss Higginson, of the N.U.W.S.S., Miss Adams, of the Conservative Women's Franchise League, Miss Evans, of the W.S.P.U., and Mr. Boldero and Dr. Kirby, of the Men's League for Woman Suffrage, waited upon Sir Francis Lowe, M.P., at Birmingham, on November 4. Dr. Kirby introduced the deputation, and Miss Higginson, who spoke as a trebly disfranchised woman, being a householder in Edgbaston, property owner in South Wales, and graduate of London University, also spoke. Sir Francis Lowe promised to consider the question of signing a memorial to the Prime Minister and to communicate his decision.

LORD BEAUCHAMP SYMPATHISES.

Earl Beauchamp, K.C.M.G., who has just been appointed First Commissioner of H.M. Works, received a deputation of Midland Suffragists recently. Earl Beauchamp was in favour of Woman Suffrage. His personal experience in Australia showed him that it was for the general good of the country as a whole that its women should be enfranchised; that women would never have proper attention paid to the question of their wages until they received political rights, and that he found that the standard of political morality was raised when women took part. Nevertheless, he declined to pledge himself to any particular measure, but expressed the hope that in the course of the next few months the Movement would get sufficient public support to enable it to pass a Bill into law. He was not in a position to divulge how he should act in the Cabinet with regard to the Conciliation Committee's Bill.

Accounts of other deputations are held over till next week.—Ed. VOTES FOR WOMEN.

A DRAWING-ROOM MEETING.

Through the kindness of Lady Brassey, Mrs. Pankhurst addressed a large and influential audience at 24, Park Lane, on November 1. Lord Brassey was in the chair, and among those who accepted invitations were—The Duchess of Marlborough, Countess Torby, Prince and Princess Münster, Lord and Lady Wolverton, Lord and Lady Richard Cavendish, the Dowager Lady Arran, Sir Donald MacKenzie Wallace, the Hon. Mrs. Bernard Mallet, Major the Hon. and Mrs. Sackville West, Lady Acheson, Lady Avebury, the Countess of Wemyss, Lady Rivers-Wilson, Lady Conyers, the Countess of March, the Marchioness of Tweeddale, the Countess of Essex, Viscountess Ridley, Mrs. McKenna, Lady Pirrie, Lord and Lady Bingham, Lady Young, Lady Catherine Somerset, the Countess of Verulam, Lady Blanche Baillie, the Dowager Lady Hastings, Lady Williams, Lady A. Montagu, Viscountess Valentia, Sir George and Lady White, the Countess of Malmesbury, Lady Constance Lytton, Miss Ethel Smythe, Lord and Lady Wharton, Lady Evelyn Baring, Mrs. Holland Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. Crackenthorpe, Mrs. St. John Hutchinson, Mrs. Ernest von Glehn, Captain and Mrs. Minchell Collins, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Anna Bryce and Miss Bryce, Hon. Spencer Lytton, Lady Davey, Lady Ilkeston, Colonel and Mrs. Harbord, Mrs. Buckle, Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. C. Parish, Mrs. Sidney Colvin, Sir Francis and Lady Champneys, Colonel C. Gathorne Hardy, Lady and Miss Schuster, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Maurice Macmillan, Mrs. Bernard Shaw.

Lord Brassey expressed pleasure at taking the chair when so important a subject was to be discussed, and cordially welcomed Mrs. Pankhurst. He had devoted many anxious days and sleepless nights to the consideration of this momentous question, and had not yet finally come to a decision.

Mrs. Pankhurst regretted that there was so much misunderstanding and misinterpretation in regard to the movement, and explained that the aim was to remove the sex disability. The present position of affairs was not only injurious to women themselves, but to the State, and her remark that if women had the vote they would be able to influence legislation affecting their sex and children with which men were not competent to deal roused the cheers of the audience.

Lord Brassey, in thanking Mrs. Pankhurst for her speech, said it might be inferred from the experience of the Colonies that there was no risk of women joining together against men. Women, he believed, would come to a decision just as men did. (Cheers.) At this time, when there was so much talk about social reform, there was no doubt that women's votes would be of the utmost value. (Cheers.) He recognised the ability of women to take their part in the legislation of the country, and believed that they would go to their task fully qualified by knowledge, and that if this right were given to them, as he felt sure it would be at no distant date, they would use it to the utmost of their ability for the good of all mankind and to the honour and glory of their country. (Cheers.) If he had any lingering doubts, he would abide loyally by the decision of the country, if it were given on the clear-cut issue, and not with that issue mixed up with other questions of national importance. (Cheers.)

The meeting concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to Lord and Lady Brassey, and their courtesy in receiving the company.

A WORKING WOMAN'S FARINGS.

One of the workers during the Walthamstow by-election tells us a touching story of a poorly-clad woman who made her way to the platform after the meeting, and said: "I have not a penny, Miss, but I do want to have a paper. Will you take four farthings?" And she handed up the coins, which had evidently been accumulating as part of a little store.

Of late, Irishwomen have developed a strong taste for politics "on their own." Suffragist associations are now established in Ireland as they are across the water, and Irishwomen when they take up anything are nothing if not enthusiastic. —Truth.

What will be your feelings when at the end of this battle the vote has been won, and you have not shared in the winning of it?

—Mr. H. N. Brailsford, at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street.

RESOLUTION.

That this Meeting declares its support of the Woman Suffrage Bill, which has passed its second reading by 110 votes—a majority larger than that accorded to the Government's Veto Resolutions.

The Meeting further calls upon the Government to bow to the will of the people as expressed by their elected representatives in the House of Commons, and to provide the facilities necessary to enable the Bill to pass into law before the end of this year.

Copies of this resolution when passed at meetings should be sent to the local M.P. and the Prime Minister. They may also be sent to members of the Cabinet. Those responsible are asked to see that all communications sent to Cabinet Ministers' private addresses are stamped, otherwise excess postage is charged.

PIONEERS! O PIONEERS!

All honour to the pioneers of this great movement for human liberty that will shortly sweep away for ever in this country the political disability of sex! Many of the women who began this great work have passed away, alas! without seeing the fruition of their endeavour. But Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy is still with us. The whole of her long and useful life of 77 years has been devoted to the cause of women.

Forty-five years ago the first woman Suffrage Society was founded in Manchester. Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy (then Miss Wolstenholme) became its first Honorary Secretary. She collected more than one fifth of the signatures to the first Woman Suffrage Petition, presented by John Stuart Mill to the House of Commons, forty-four years ago last June. From that day to this, her efforts to secure Votes for Women have been persistent and untiring.

She has been, moreover, the head and centre of every movement for securing tardy justice to women. She acted as Secretary of the Married Women's Property Committee, and held that office till the Bill was carried in 1882. No sooner was that piece of work successfully concluded than Mrs. Elmy began the agitation to amend the law with regard to the guardianship of children, and the Infants Act of 1886, giving a widowed mother the right of guardianship of her own child, was placed upon the Statute-book, mainly as the result of her efforts. Mrs. Elmy is as young in heart, as strong in faith, as inspired with enthusiasm as the youngest recruit to the ranks of the Women's Movement. But though her spirit is ardent and strong, the long years of strenuous toil and unceasing agitation, and the burden of years, have told upon the fragile body. We who belong to the now triumphant Woman's Movement have the privilege of being allowed to express in a practical way our affection, admiration, reverence, and gratitude to this noble woman, so great in spirit and in love to humanity.

A Fund has been opened. It stands at the present moment at £320. It will be closed next Saturday, November 12. It is hoped that this Fund will amount to not less than £500. It will then be presented to Mrs. Elmy, with the names of subscribers. Small gifts can bring the tribute of the heart as well as large gifts. It is hoped that all the members of the Union will send some contribution, however small it may have to be, so that their names may be inscribed on the roll of Mrs. Elmy's friends. There is no time to lose. Subscriptions should be sent post haste to Mrs. Martindale, Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

GALA DAY AT BRISTOL.

The "Pageant of Great Women," performed at Bristol on Saturday in last week, was a triumph of clever organization. "Saturday," says the *Western Daily Press*, "was woman's day in Bristol." *The Bristol Times* says that "the venture—a somewhat bold one—was a great success, and the purposes sought were achieved in a striking manner."

The performance took place at the Prince's Theatre, and one private box, which had been decorated with white flowers, was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Mrs. Tuke, Miss Annie Kenney, and Miss Mary Allen. The first part of the programme consisted of country and morris dances on a village green. This gave great delight, and the children who took part evidently enjoyed their parts immensely. Miss N. K. Gough is to be congratulated on having taught them with such success. Miss J. Tuckett performed the difficult part of village fiddler, and Miss G. Dodd was the pianist. Then came the exceedingly humorous play by Cicely Hamilton and Christopher St. John, "How the Vote was Won." Mr. Cuthbert Hicks took the part of Horace Cole, Mrs. Cuthbert Hicks was Cole's wife, Miss Jessica Walters as Lily, the maid-of-all-work, created great laughter, and the other parts were taken by Mrs. Dove Willcox, Miss Jessie Smith, Miss Winnie Cridland, Mrs. F. W. Rogers, Miss Alice Walters, Miss C. E. Dugdale, and Mrs. C. Thomas.

In the interval Mrs. Pethick Lawrence came before the curtain and briefly addressed the audience, emphasising the truth that the happy faces of the children were typical of the spirit of the W.S.P.U. She reminded the assembly, who were about to witness the "Pageant of Great Women," that women had played a very great part in the work of social reform, for instance it was a woman who had founded the first university, a woman who laid the foundation of elementary education, a woman who instituted prison reform, a woman who organised nursing, and women had performed distinguished service in the direction of Poor Law Reform. The Pageant, which created a great impression, was under the management of Miss Edith Craig, the chief parts being taken by Miss Olive Terry as "Woman," Miss Homer Vesey as "Justice," and Mr. Charles Thursby as "Prejudice." Incidental music was played by Mr. Chapman's band. The theatre was crowded, all the representative people in Clifton being present; and Votes for Women and the Women's Pageant were the week-end topics of conversation.

QUEEN'S HALL MEETING.

The duty of all women with respect to the deputation (should one be necessary) was the chief point of Miss Pankhurst's stirring speech at the Queen's Hall last Monday, a portion of which we quote elsewhere. A spirit of determination echoed through Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's clearly-worded address, and was evidently shared by the whole audience. Another interesting feature of the meeting was the speech by Mr. Frederick Whelen, Secretary of the Stage Society, who showed how actively men had had to fight at every stage of their demand for the vote.

NO VOTE, NO TAX!

Miss Ada Kent, milliner and costumier, of the Grove, Stratford, appeared at the West Ham Police Court on Thursday, Nov. 3, before Mr. Gillespie to answer a judgment summons to show cause why she should not be committed to prison for non-payment of Poor and District rates amounting to £6 4s. 1d., and £3 19s. 2d. respectively. The proceedings, which were of a brief character, lasting little more than a minute, resulted in Miss Kent being committed to prison. Defendant, when called, and asked why she did not pay, replied: "Because I do not make any of these rates, or any of my sex." Mr. Gillespie: If I wait until that state of affairs is altered we shall never get our rates.

Defendant: You cannot expect me to pay.

Clerk to Assistant Overseer: Do you agree to a suspension?

Assistant Overseer: I do not think it is any use. She says she will not pay.

The magistrate ordered a committal for 21 days in the first instance, and 14 days in the latter.

Defendant: When do I go? Clerk: Now.

A lady at Southend who refused to pay her taxes has been distrained upon. The official receipt for the taxes, with 3s. levy fee and 2s. 6d. for the man in possession, she has placed in her shop window in order that others may be led to follow her example.

AN INCIDENT.

Smart Lady: You VOTES FOR WOMEN paper sellers are a perfect nuisance.

Paper Seller: Well, you needn't look at us.

S. L.: Why don't you stay at home? Haven't you got a home?

P. S.: Oh, yes, and it's quite well, thank you. How is yours?

S. L.: I am just hurrying home to attend to my domestic duties.

P. S.: I'm so glad. I was always brought up to attend to my domestic duties before I came out.

THE NEXT STEP.

Men have no right to blame the women if, after everything else has failed, and if the men of the Conciliation Committee say, "We can do no more for you," the women again take up those antiquated weapons which they laid down at the end of the last General Election. If facilities for the third reading are not given, and if we are told that they will not be given this year, and if we are put off and told to wait until "next year," which we know never comes, a deputation of women larger than has ever gone before, unarmed but determined, will go and try to represent themselves to the House of Commons, and ask the reason why. There will then be the same miserable struggle, the same humiliating experiences, followed by arrests and imprisonment when women refuse to be bound over.

Mrs. PANKHURST at Ipswich.

BELFAST WOMEN DEMAND THE BILL.

We are asked to state that the deputation to Mr. Birrell at Dublin Castle, reported in last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN, included members of the Belfast Women's Suffrage Society, as well as of the Irish Women's Franchise League. Belfast is sending its quota of women for active service on November 22, should this be necessary.

A LIBERAL SECESSION.

The *Manchester Guardian* has been informed by Mrs. Tattersall that she has resigned her position as president of the Liberal Women's Suffrage League. Some members of the committee (she writes) did not think the time opportune for taking the strong line on the Conciliation Bill which she thought necessary. She felt, therefore, that she must regain her freedom to urge the claims of the bill in the way which, in her opinion, would best serve the interests of Liberalism as well as the suffrage cause.

SIXTEEN WOMEN COUNCILLORS.

In VOTES FOR WOMEN last week we announced that three women candidates had been successful in the municipal election. We have since learnt that, in addition, Miss Bannister has been returned at Southend-on-Sea. There are now sixteen women Town Councillors.

AMERICAN SUFFRAGISTS.

The Suffragists of New York are now working to defeat Mr. Artomus Ward, an anti, who has voted to keep a Woman Suffrage Bill in Committee for the last three years. The district is being thoroughly canvassed, and five to eight street meetings are being held every night. New speakers and workers are volunteering their services, and there are many signs of new life and energy in the movement in New York. The Women's Equality League is hoping to defeat Mr. Ward; at any rate, they will materially cut down his majority.

"STRAITENED CIRCUMSTANCES."

The following notice has been sent us by a correspondent:—"A grand smoking concert on Saturday, November 12, for the benefit of W. Welton (better known as 'Rabbits'), who has had the misfortune to lose his wife, leaving him in straitened circumstances." And yet they say a man has a wife to keep!

TAX RESISTANCE.

If the Government refuse facilities for the Conciliation Bill when Parliament meets, one of the weapons of opposition which will be employed against them by women will be "tax resistance." Those who are proposing to do this will do well to make themselves acquainted, as far as possible, with the law on the question, and we recommend them to apply to the offices of the Women's Tax Resistance League at 72, Hillfield Road, Hampstead, N.W., whose secretary, Mrs. Kington Parkes, will be pleased to supply them with information.

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A MILITANT'S DIARY.*

"You made others laugh with your little anecdotes, but I could not laugh, because there was a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes all the time, from the way you described the real meaning of the Woman's Movement." These words, spoken by a member of the first audience ever addressed by the writer of this most delicious little book, sum up the feelings of the reader too. No W.S.P.U. member can read the Diary without being profoundly moved. If one once began to quote, this review would take up the whole of VOTES FOR WOMEN, but one extract is irresistible.

"It is paralysis I am getting, gradually," she said quite unemotionally. "I have had treatment from several doctors, but they do not think anything can be done."

"What caused it?" I asked. "Nothing to do with being knocked about in this work, I hope."

"Yes," she said, "all the vertebrae of the spine were damaged in the first place, and since then I have been gradually getting worse."

"But how damaged?" I enquired. "From blows," she said, quietly.

I felt my face getting hot. "It was by mistake in the crowd," I suggested, "not blows given deliberately, on purpose."

She smiled. "Yes, blows given deliberately, on purpose. Have you never interrupted a Cabinet Minister's meeting? If so, you must have seen it. Stewards deliberately hit us with their fists, or knock us down. Several kicked us while we were lying on the ground. People who were at the Albert Hall meeting, when Lloyd George spoke, have told me that they went home feeling sick at the sight of things done that night, and were powerless to stop it. A great many men joined the League for Woman's Suffrage on the strength of it, because they realised for the first time what it means to be unenfranchised in this country."

"I am so sorry about you," I said, "are you sure that nothing can be done?"

"It does not matter," said the Suffragette, gently, and her eyes shone. "I am glad to have had the privilege of fighting for such a Cause and for such women as the leaders of this movement. It would have been dreadful not to have been able to do anything."

The great events of the militant agitation from February, 1909, to February of the present year, pass before us as if reflected in the clear bright surface of a mirror. And there are events that one who does not understand might call small. But we who know, know that the daily overcoming of self, the crushing down of reluctance to take the next militant step, is not small, but great. The leaders of the movement are here too—and others whom we think we recognise.

Christmas is coming, and on the breakfast table of every "Anti" in the land there should be a copy of Mrs. Roberts' little book. The price is only one shilling, and the book can be obtained from the publishers (The Garden City Press, Letchworth), or from the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

"YOUTH, AND SPRING, AND MORNING."

Not many writers can tell the inner history of a schoolgirl's development in so absorbingly interesting a way as Mr. Henry Handel Richardson has done. In "The Getting of Wisdom" (Heinemann, 6s.) the heroine is nothing but a lanky, awkward schoolgirl, and we say good-bye to her while she is still at the lanky and awkward age. She has left school, indeed, but has no more idea what she is going to do with her life than a young bird that is pushed out of the nest by its little brothers and sisters. The final glimpse of Laura Rambetham is of a flying figure in white, "half-grown, and with a thick black plait of hair sawing up and down" as she runs.

That is how the story ends, but that mad flight is typical of Laura's escape from the trammels of school and her rush into the unknown future. All through her school days she has been unfortunate. In the getting of wisdom she has got a good many hard knocks; she has been much misunderstood, and she has suffered, as only schoolgirls can suffer, from the persecution of girls of her own age. But she has had compensations also, and her innate talent for imaginative writing does struggle to the top at last. From one point of view this Australian story reminds one of Winston Churchill's "Modern Chronicle." It shows the ambitious woman-mind hurling itself against obstacles set up by a world that is hardly ready for it.

She could not know then that, even for the squarest peg, the right hole may ultimately be found; seeming unfitness prove to be only another aspect of a peculiar and special fitness. . . . Many a day came and went before she grasped that, oftentimes, just those mortals who feel cramped and unsure in the conduct of everyday life will find themselves to rights with astounding ease in that freer, more spacious world, where no practical considerations hamper, and where the creatures that inhabit dance to their tune; the world where are stored up men's best thoughts, and hopes, and fancies; where the shadow is the substance, and the multitude of business pales before the dream.

One cannot help wanting to know what became of Laura after her stormy career at school. Perhaps Laura herself will tell the story. If not, we hope Mr. Richardson will, in a future volume. And it is not unnatural to want to know also who is the unnamed little collaborator who helped the author to get inside that region difficult to explore—a schoolgirl's heart.

G. V.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Woman's Inheritance." By C. H. Le Basquet. London: Daniel. 2s. net.

"Phases of Evolution and Heredity." By Dr. Barry Hart. London: Rebman. 5s. net.

"The Story of a Year." By Mrs. Molesworth. London: Macmillan and Co. 3s. 6d. net.

"Italian Fantasies." By Israel Zangwill. London: Heinemann. 8s. 6d. net.

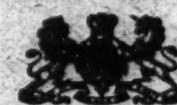
"The Idealist and Mary Treherne." By Edith Mary Moore. London: Geo. Allen and Sons. 6s. net.

Owing to a misprint in last week's issue, the price of Mr. Maurice Hewlett's new book, "Rest Harrow," was wrongly announced; the price is 6s. The price of "The Charm of Womankind," which was omitted, is 2s. 6d. net.

* "Pages from the Diary of a Militant Suffragette." By Katherine Roberts. Letchworth: Garden City Press. 1s. net.

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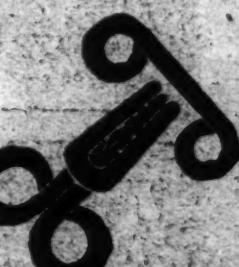
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Charles I. had died on the scaffold at Whitehall; Monarchy was formally abolished; the Commonwealth established; and Parliament was henceforth to be the supreme authority of the nation. So things were in England, March, 1649. Only to John Lilburne, and to a very considerable number of persons, it seemed at that time that in place of a dead King and his cavaliers there was a Parliamentary oligarchy, likely to end in military dictatorship, and that the will of the people was not by any means to prevail unless "All inhabitants who have not lost their birthright should have an equal voice in elections." Hunger and destitution were here, and misery raised a cry for bread. Lilburne and his friends persisted in their question: "Was England to be governed by the sword and a mock Parliament, or by duly elected representatives of the people?" For it was plain that Cromwell's Council of State could not end the social distress, and would not share its responsibilities with those who were willing and anxious to fulfil the duties of citizenship.

There was only one reply to be made by Government to Lilburne and that was to throw him into prison. Accordingly, at the end of March, John Lilburne and three of his chief supporters Walwyn, Prince, and Overton were arrested as traitors and committed to the Tower to await trial. The people at once answered this by a huge petition signed by 80,000 persons for Lilburne's release. A fortnight later, April 18, another petition was taken to the bar of the House of Commons. All that the House of Commons would promise was that in due time the prisoners should have a legal trial.

Then came the Women's Petition—"The Petition of Divers Well-affected Women," and subsequent Deputations. The petition can be read in full in the Lilburne pamphlets. It began by declaring that

so great is our particular sorrow and affliction that with longer patience we are not able to undergo the woe and misery thereof, or sit in silence; for our oppressions are too many and great for us, we are not able to bear them and live: we are even distracted in ourselves, we know not which way to turn us; and if oppression make a wise man mad, how is it better to be expected from us?

Some sort of explanation was needed for the novelty of the proceeding.

It is not our custom to address ourselves in this House in the public behalf. Yet, considering that we have an equal share and interest with men in the Commonwealth, and it cannot be laid waste (as now it is) and we not be the greatest and most helpless sufferers therein.

"Poverty, misery and famine" were mentioned.

We are not able to see our children hang upon us, and cry out for bread, and are resolved to suffer and perish with husbands and sons.

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What happened to the famous women's deputation of April 23, 1649, may be learnt from another Lilburne pamphlet, "Mercurius Militaris, or the People's Scout."

This day, Monday, April 23, 1649, many hundreds of women waited upon the House with a Petition of about 10,000 hands to it, in the behalf of the Common right of the People, and particularly for the enlargement of Lieutenant Colonel Lilburne, Master Will Walwyn, Master Thomas Prince, and Master Richard Overton; and the soldiers were most uncivil and inhumane towards them, presented Pistols ready cocked at some of their breasts, and forced them downstairs with files of musketeers, and threw squibs amongst them.

Only 20 were admitted into the Lobby, and a member of the House coming out and demanding what the matter was with the women, the Gentlewoman that was to present their Petition answered they were come with a Petition.

He told her that it was not for women to Petition; they might stay at home to wash their dishes.

She answered, "Sir, we have scarce any dishes left us to wash, and those we have we are not sure to keep them." Another member told her it was strange that women should petition. She answered, "Sir, that which is strange is not therefore unlawful; it was strange that you cut off the King's head, yet I suppose you will justify it."

And Cromwell coming out she took hold of his cloak, and told him there was many hundreds of them had a petition to deliver, and had waited upon them from morning to that present, "but they would not hear it; but time hath been when you would readily have given us the reading of Petitions, but that was when we had money, plate, rings and bodkins to give you: you think we have none now, but we have a little left; but not for you; and blood, too, which we shall spend against you."

He answered, "What would you have?" She replied, "Those rights and freedoms of the Nation that you promised us, and in particular the deliverance of our friends which you have imprisoned contrary to the form and method of Law; and, Sir, their Liberty we will have, or we will lose our lives."

Cromwell: "Well, well, there is Law for them."

Gentlewoman: "Law, Sir! They were contrary to Law imprisoned, and we desire their Liberty first, and then if there be aught against them, let them be tried by the due course and form of Law."

Cromwell: "There is an Ordinance of Parliament to try them by Law."

Gentlewoman: "Sir, if you take away their lives, or the lives of any contrary to Law, nothing shall satisfy us but the lives of them that do it; and, Sir, we shall have your life too if you take away theirs."

The narrative ends here abruptly, with the promise that "next week you shall have the perfect relation." But nothing more is told of the historic deputation, and there is no clue to the name of the Gentlewoman who withheld Cromwell to his face in the Lobby of the House of Commons. When at last Lilburne was brought to trial in the following October the jury, without hesitation, acquitted him.

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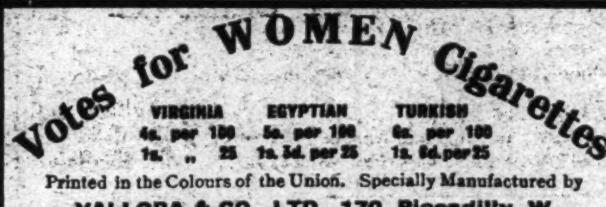
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THE BILL THIS SESSION.

The moment is at hand at which we look to have the Prime Minister's final answer to the demand that the House of Commons be left free to carry the Conciliation Bill into law this Session. In support of this demand it suffices to point to the House of Commons majority for the Bill, to the immense campaign in its support which has filled the weeks since the second reading of the Bill, to the requests for facilities made by leading Town Councils, by the Scottish Liberal Federation, and other bodies. It is certain that the agricultural labourers' franchise agitation, upon which was based the Reform Act of 1884, was far smaller than the present agitation for women's enfranchisement.

Although the Government have as yet made no definite, final, and considered statement, there have been foreshadowed by certain Ministers the two excuses upon which a refusal to grant facilities for the Bill in the present Session would be based. Both these excuses are totally inadequate, especially when they are set against the great volume of Parliamentary and public opinion in favour of carrying the Bill.

The first is that the Conciliation Bill does not deal with the whole question of Woman Suffrage, and is incapable of such amendment as shall make it democratic enough to suit the taste of certain members of the Government. In this connection it should be noticed that the Government have completely ignored the Conciliation Committee's offer to alter the title

as to make an amendment in order provided that time for the discussion of the Bill is given, and this fact goes to prove that they are opposed to Woman Suffrage on any terms, and not merely to the particular measure now before the House. But the very best answer to the argument that the Conciliation Bill is not a complete one dealing with the whole question is the one provided by Gladstone in 1884. Speaking on the Reform Bill, which was then before the House of Commons, he said:

I am prepared for the complaint that this is not a complete Bill and for the question, "Why don't you introduce a complete Bill?" — that I have some things to say which appear to me to be of very considerable force, but at any rate I will state them. And the first thing I will state is that there never has been a complete Bill presented to Parliament on this subject of Parliamentary Reform. Parliament has never attempted a complete Bill; and, moreover, I will go a little further, and say that Governments and Parliaments would have committed a grievous error in judgment if I might almost say they would have been out of their senses if they had attempted a complete Bill.

Mr. Gladstone then addressed an appeal to the professing friends of reform, which we should like Mr. Lloyd George and others to take seriously to heart. He said:

I have the strongest appeal to make to friends. I entreat them not to endanger the Bill by additions. This Bill is in no danger from direct opposition. It has some danger to encounter from indirect opposition; but of these dangers from indirect opposition I for one am not afraid, unless they be aggravated by the addition of dangers which it may have to encounter from friendship. For I do not hesitate to say that it is just as possible for friends to destroy the measure by additions which it will not bear as it is for enemies.

In conformity with Gladstone's doctrine that Parliament will not and cannot deal with a complete Bill on the subject of electoral reform, the Conciliation Bill was drafted in a form which, as the Welsh Liberal women declared the other day, is moderate, equitable, and democratic. It is based upon the clear and definite principle of giving to women for Parliamentary purposes the same franchise which they already possess for municipal purposes. Those who would extend it by amendments giving votes to all adult women, or to all those women whose husbands are electors, are exposing this measure to the danger of destruction referred to by Gladstone in the words quoted above.

The second excuse for refusing the necessary facilities is that the Autumn Session is to last only from November 15 to December 15, and that therefore time is lacking for carrying the remaining stages of the Bill. To women who remember that in all the 43 years since John Stuart Mill first raised the question of their enfranchisement in the House of Commons politicians have found no time for the consideration of their claims this excuse appears purely frivolous.

It is many weeks since the Prime Minister knew that women expected him to provide time for the passage of the Suffrage Bill. Why, then, did he not make some economy of time earlier in the Session instead of allowing the House to rise at an unusually early hour night after night? Why did he not call Parliament together for the Autumn Session at the beginning instead of the middle of November? Why does he not arrange that it shall sit later than December 15? No, whatever reasons there might be for refusing to allow the passage of this Bill, lack of time is not one of them. The *Manchester Guardian*, in saying that for the Government to refuse time is simply another way of saying they do not wish to provide time has stated the plain and literal fact.

The amount of time needed to complete the final stages of the Bill is in truth very small. It is remarkable with what speed Parliament can perform its business when so inclined. For example, the Indian Councils Bill, giving a new Constitution and new rights to the people of India, was carried through its second reading, report and third reading stages in the House of Commons in two and a-half days. The Committee stage of the Aliens Bill occupied the House of Commons for no more than six days. Even the Reform Bill of 1884 with all its complicated provisions was in Committee in the House of Commons for nine days only. The present Woman Suffrage Bill calls for much less lengthy consideration than this.

The sands are running out. Again we urge that wise and peaceable counsels shall prevail. The Conciliation Bill is simple, moderate, democratic, popular. Let a way be cleared for it! Let Parliament be free to enter it on the Statute book this year! Individual members of the Government have counselled women to press not for the immediate passage of the Conciliation Bill but for a promise that facilities shall be granted for some measure of woman suffrage next year. These counsels of delay fill us with distrust and indignation. We utterly refuse to diminish our claim, for it is our right to have the Government's veto withdrawn and the Conciliation Bill carried in this present year.

Christabel Pankhurst.

WOMEN'S VOTES AND WAGES.

By F. W. Pethick Lawrence.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS CHAPTERS.

Statement of the Problem.—The grinding poverty under which many women live, the miserably low wages that they receive, make their more fortunate sisters determined to find a means to put an end to this blot on civilisation; and with the view of winning power to effect this many women are working for the vote. They are met by the anti-suffragist with the statement that the vote cannot affect wages. Women's wages are lower than men's, it is said, for three reasons: These are, firstly, that women are weaker than men and they do less and poorer work in a day; the answer to this is that women are not asking for an equal day's wage, but for equal pay for equal work. Secondly, it is said that women get paid less than men because the latter are working to support a family; apart from the fact that many men have no one dependent upon them while many women are supporting a family by their work, it is not true that wages are paid on this principle—married men and fathers do not command a higher wage than single men, nor do widows than spinsters. Thirdly, it is said that wages are determined not by Act of Parliament, but by the law of supply and demand.

Supply and Demand.—It is quite true that wages are determined mainly by the law of supply and demand; but both the supply of women's labour and the demand for women's labour can be altered by means of the vote, and therefore the vote, acting through supply and demand, can alter wages. To understand how the vote can alter the supply of women's labour consider the effect of the following laws:—(1) Increasing the school age from 14 to 15; (2) compelling husbands to give a certain proportion of their wages to their wives; (3) providing a special maintenance for widows. Each of these laws (which might or might not commend themselves to women with votes) would have the effect of withdrawing women from the labour market, and thereby reducing supply. Women might also induce the Board of Education to insist that technical training more nearly equal to that given to boys should be provided for girls, and in this way alter the character of the women's labour supplied.

The Exclusion of Women from Employment.—The vote will also enable women to increase the demand for women's labour by breaking down the exclusive traditions which prevail at present. Men only are eligible to-day for nearly all the better-paid civil appointments under Government, such as Customs officers, tax collectors, clerks in Government offices, and the senior billets in the Post Office. There are only 20 women factory inspectors to 900 men, and only 20 women school inspectors to 250 men. Further, there are many other employments besides those under the Government from which women are at present excluded by law or by Government regulation. The possession of the vote by women will open them up.

Chap. IV.—The Underpayment of Women by the Government.

It is always a mystery to me how anybody can stand up and deny the potentiality of the vote to alter wages when it must be perfectly clear to anyone that a decision of the House of Commons would compel the Government directly to raise the wages of its own women employees. Of course if these only numbered a few hundred such a change might be considered negligible, but as a matter of fact they number more than 50,000 and a change in the rate of wages of 50,000 women, even if it stood alone, particularly when it would affect the badly paid Post Office and telephone girls and the miserably paid girls in the Army Clothing Factory, must be considered of importance. But it would not stand alone. In the first place, beyond the direct employees of the Government are two large classes of workers for whom the Government has special responsibility (1) the teachers; (2) the employees of sub-contractors.

The teachers are directly employed by the local authorities, but the Board of Education supplies from the national exchequer a large part of the funds, and has wide powers of control. Therefore if, after women get the vote, M.P.'s decide that the wages of women teachers shall be raised so that there shall no longer be two standards of pay for identical work (the rate for women being to-day about two-thirds that for men), the Board of Education will be able to get this carried out. There are about 110,000 women teachers.

Government has been compelled to insert a "fair wages clause" into the contracts it makes with sub-contractors. Theoretically this applies both to men and women employees, but practically it only applies to men. As this is a good illustration of how men have failed to protect women, it is worth giving at some length. The clause runs as follows:—

The contractor shall, under the penalty of a fine or otherwise, pay rates of wages and observe hours of labour not less favourable than those commonly recognised by employers and trade societies (or, in the absence of such recognised wages and hours, those which in practice prevail amongst good employers) in the trade in the district where the work is carried out.

Now the men employees of the sub-contractors are almost entirely employed at work for which there is a recognised standard rate of wages, therefore in their case the clause is operative. But it is not so with the women. I will quote the words of Mr. Haldane:

As the hon. member is no doubt aware, the clothing industry is very imperfectly organised, and the consequent absence of any recognised or prevailing rates for any given work tends to weaken the effect of the Fair Wages Clause.

Mr. Haldane went on to say that in some cases they

had established a minimum wage, but he hoped the most from the creation of Wages Boards.

The Wages Boards (themselves the result of Parliamentary action) may achieve something, but a still more direct method might be employed. The wages of the women (either day wages or piece wages) might be directly standardised in money. There is nothing extraordinary or new in this. It is the method carried out by the London County Council. At present Government work is reckoned among the worst sweated work in the country, and that this is the fault of the Government the following story from the Westminster Police Court will show.

A Living Example.

On Monday, April 26, 1909, a woman was brought before the magistrate charged with attempting suicide. In the evidence it came out that she was engaged on Army contract work, and, working ten and a half hours a day, earned two, three or four shillings a week—six shillings at most if she worked full time. The magistrate commented on these disgraceful wages.

Next day Mr. Guildford Lewis, solicitor, asked to be allowed to make a statement in court on behalf of his clients, the contractors. In the course of this he said:—

The whole of this trouble—and this is a matter of public importance—is due to the prices at which the contractors are compelled by the force of competition to take the Government work. If the Government were to insist on the rate of wages of the workers being standardised—as they undoubtedly should do—the whole of the system of cutting down the prices to the lowest fraction would be at an end. There is one public body (the L.C.C.) which insists on a standardised rate for the tailoring, and the workers on their uniforms, etc., do not complain, and have no reason to.

What a comment this is on the theory that the vote has no effect on wages!

I have now shown that the wages of women who are (1) direct employees of the Government, (2) school teachers, or (3) employees of Government sub-contractors, may all be altered by the power that the vote gives. These three classes together cannot fall far short of, and may possibly exceed, 200,000, or one-twentieth of the total women employed for wages in the country. The direct raising of the wages of this one-twentieth will have a very important effect on the wages of the remaining nineteen-twentieths. This is not merely due to the force of example—though no doubt example has a good deal to do with it—it is the necessary economic result of altering the character of the demand for women's labour.

How it Operates.

The two main changes with which I have dealt last week and this week, viz., (a) opening up of new well-paid employment to women; (b) increasing the wages of women at present employed directly or indirectly by the Government, will operate in fact upon the labour market somewhat in the following way:—The most capable women in the country will find that there is demand for their labour at a good price in the new or improved occupations, and therefore they will seek employment in them. Other employers will find in consequence that they can no longer retain the services of the most capable women unless they pay a higher price than before. Some of them will do so, others who refuse to do so will only obtain the services of second rank women who were previously getting a lower wage. In the second rank similar considerations will apply; some of the women will be drawn off into the new appointments, some will receive better wages under Government than before, some will go, as I have just shown, into the ranks above. Consequently there will be more competition among employers to secure good work. Better wages will be given, and women from a still lower grade will be brought in to fill the vacant places. Similarly for every grade of labour down to the lowest. And in this lowest sweated grade the effect will be enhanced by the fact that there will be no grade below from which workers can be drawn, and therefore at last the supply of labour will not outrun the demand, as it does at present.

Thus, in consequence of the increased and improved demand for women's labour, there will be a tendency to improve the wages of women, not merely in one trade or calling, but in all.

I shall conclude this series of articles in a final chapter next week, in which I shall deal with the forces outside the ordinary realm of political economy.

(To be continued.)

THE TREASURER'S NOTE.

This week sees us with another task accomplished. We have reached the completion of the £77,000 in the specified time, and have started for the 78th thousand. We shall probably never see in these columns the figures 78 denoting thousands of pounds. For next week the list of contributions will be an enormous one, including the first fruits of the promises to be given at the Great Albert Hall Meeting. Though money flows freely into the W.S.P.U. War Chest, it must always be remembered that these contributions represent much self-denial and real self-sacrifice. In the first place they come from women, and few women hold the strings of the purse as men do. Even the wives of wealthy men are not free to spend their husband's money as they choose. Moreover the supporters of this movement are mainly women drawn from the professional and working classes, women who earn their own living and therefore realise by hard and bitter experience the necessity and urgency of legislation securing to women the vote. It is only by great ingenuity and effort, that many of them are able to subscribe so generously. In a letter which enclosed a contribution of fourteen shillings this week, the writer says, "I have been getting together the enclosed small sum, by photography and mending ladders" in fine stockings. 14s., I wish it were more."

In Walthamstow, working women and men gave thousands of pennies, and the sum thus raised in this working-class constituency amounted during the two week's campaign to over £96, more than two-thirds of the total expense incurred by the W.S.P.U. in connection with that by-election. Our movement is strong because it is in touch with the heart of the people, because it can inspire personal service and personal sacrifice, because there are thousands of people who would give up all they possess rather than see any decline in the efficiency of our organization.

This List of Contributions which is published weekly by week, represents devotion, enthusiasm, altruism, and strenuous endeavour coined into pounds and shillings and pence.

E. P. L.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

October 31 to November 5.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Already acknowledged	£76,750 12 8	£ 0 0 0
"A Sympathiser"	0 2 0	0 1 3
Geo. Bergman, Esq. (per Miss A. M. Archer)	0 2 0	0 1 0
Mr. Bedford Fenwick	2 2 0	Per Lady Constance Lytton
Mr. C. Herbert	1 0 0	Miss Marie Hamilton
Irish Women's Franchise League (Mrs. Panhurst's exec.)	2 5 3	Church League for Woman's Suffrage
Mrs. E. L. Dixon	3 3 0	(Lecture fee)
Miss Beryl S. Churchill	0 10 0	Per Miss Macaulay
Miss Violet Jones	0 14 0	Anon.
Miss J. L. Ferrier	1 0 6	Profit on Shop
Miss May Blankarn	0 1 6	Pound Stall
Mr. Lawrence Bokenham	0 2 0	Profit on Miss Lightman's preparations
Mrs. A. E. Hall	1 1 0	Miss Vaughan
Mrs. M. G. Burns	0 5 0	Miss Muir
Miss Tryphena M. Jones	0 2 8	Per Mrs. Mansel
Miss Clara T. Jones	0 2 6	Mrs. and the Misses Ellis
Mrs. Louisa C. Johnson	0 2 6	J. W. Jeudwin, Esq.
Mrs. A. G. Tugby	0 2 6	Sale of Sweets, etc.
Miss Rose Cowlin	0 10 0	Mrs. L. Machell
Miss Doughty	0 2 5	Per Miss Marsden
Miss N. Horns	0 10 0	Mrs. Haydock
Mrs. Ada M. Alison	1 0 0	Per Miss Phillips
Mrs. Alice H. Hilton	1 1 6	Hart, Esq.
Miss Blanche T. Hazelby	0 1 6	Mrs. Behrens
Mrs. I. Freyer	1 0 0	Mrs. Homersham (per Mrs. Behrens)
Miss F. Barclay	0 7 6	Miss M. Ambler (do.)
B. M. C.	0 5 0	A Friend (do.)
Allen Watkins, Esq.	0 10 0	Profit on Literature (do.)
Miss Gertrude Wilkinson (sale of gold bangle)	3 0 0	Profit on "V. f. W." (do.)
Miss Emma Wyke	1 0 0	Mrs. Isaac Smith (do.)
Miss Mathilde O. Pain	0 2 6	Mrs. Lingard (do.)
Miss Millholland (sale of gold bracelet)	1 15 0	Per Miss Fraser Smith
Miss Alice M. Warren, R.N.S.	0 10 0	Library Profits
Mrs. Mary Parr	1 7 0	Anon (Dundee Supporter)
Mrs. Katherine C. Leah	2 2 0	Per Miss Wyke
Miss May Robinson	0 1 0	Extra on "V. f. W."
Mrs. Head Andrews	0 2 8	Sale of China
Mrs. G. P. Robson	0 2 0	Profit on Literature
Miss Isabella Watson	3 0 0	The Misses Barnewall
Miss C. Townsend	1 0 0	Mrs. L. S. Brown
Miss Aileen H. Warren	0 5 0	Mrs. Darling
Miss Jessie M. Penman	0 10 0	Mrs. Harvey
Miss Maria Low	1 0 0	Anon (per Mrs. Keppie)
Miss C. H. St. John	0 10 0	Anon
Miss M. Shouls	0 10 0	Mrs. Lang (worksold)
Miss Annie K. Taylor	0 3 0	Mrs. McMurtie
Mrs. E. Muggridge	2 2 0	Miss Wyke
Miss M. Muggridge	1 1 0	Mrs. Main
Miss E. Limney	0 1 0	Mrs. Manvers
Mrs. Jessie Pollock	1 0 0	Miss McKenzie
Mrs. Ivagh More Nisbett	0 2 6	Miss McPham
Miss Mary L. Parr (sale of gold pendant)	0 15 0	Miss Melville
Miss Mary L. Henley	0 10 0	Mrs. Urquhart
Miss Mary L. Hogg	0 2 6	Mrs. Murray
"F. F."	0 10 0	Mrs. McNeely
"A Dresden Sympathiser" (per Miss Louise Phillips)	0 2 0	For By-elections
Miss Flora C. Tristram	0 2 6	Miss Alice Heale
Mrs. Grace E. Taylor	0 2 0	"A Civil Servant"
Miss A. Pike	0 1 0	Miss Juliette Heale
Miss Phyllis Hebbekie	0 1 0	Anon (for Walthamstow)
Mrs. Jane Mackay	0 10 0	Mise Bone (per Mrs. Bouvier)
Mrs. Kate Woodward	0 10 0	Mrs. Casey (do.)
Per Miss R. Barrett-Monmouth N.W.U. S.S.	1 7 0	Miss Casey (do.)
Per Miss Burns	0 2 6	Anon (per Miss Wallace Dunlop)
Miss C. W. Haig	1 0 0	Miss Casey (do.)
Anon	2 0 0	Miss Casey (do.)
Miss Campbell	0 2 6	Miss Haig
Miss Grant	0 5 0	Mrs. Atkinson (trav. exp.)
Mrs. Charlton	0 1 0	Miss Atkinson (do.)
Miss Fall	0 2 6	Miss K. Brown (do.)
Miss Fishill	0 2 0	Membership Fees
Miss Bruce	0 5 0	Collections, etc.—
Miss E. C. Haig	0 2 0	London
Jumble Sale	0 6 0	14 10 4
Miss Burns	1 4 4	Per Miss Barrett
Mrs. Brown	1 0 0	3 4 0
Miss Methven	1 10 0	Per Miss Burns
M. C. G.	1 0 0	3 6 4
Miss Lambert	0 2 6	Per Miss Evans
Mrs. Morison	0 4 0	Per Lady Constance Lytton
Miss Thomson	0 2 6	Per Miss Macaulay
Per Mrs. F. W. Coops	0 11 6	32 10 0
Mrs. Collings (selected at Drawing-Room Meeting) ...	0 11 6	Per Mrs. Mansel
Per Miss D. Evans	0 10 0	10 12 6
Mrs. Abbott	0 10 0	Per Miss Fraser Smith
		34 7 0
		Walthamstow By-election
		69 5 1
		Total - £77,041 16 11

Total amount for this week - £237 1s. 2d.
Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and crossed, "Barclay and Co."

OUR POST BOX.

SUFFRAGE STAMPS.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir.—I was delighted with the suggestion made in the paper this week that the Suffrage seals should be used to stamp all communications with advertisers, all invoices, bills, etc., and I have adopted the plan within the last few days. I am quite sure from my own experience that a great deal of very successful work can be done in this way; not only by showing the advertising managers that they do well to place their advertisements in our paper, but also in creating interest amongst the young ladies who serve in the shops.

Yours, etc.,
November 4, 1910.

A WORKER.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir.—I think "Chancellor of the Home Exchequer's" suggestion excellent, and I shall adopt it at once, and have sent for a supply of "Suffrage Stamps" to use on all my letters, both private and business correspondence. I always wear my W.S.P.U. badge in a conspicuous position, and find it acts as "a thorn in the flesh" to the anti-suffragists—as a staff of strength to the wobblers, a bond of sympathy to fellow-workers for Votes for Women, and it is always a scatterer of seed for propaganda.—Yours, etc.,

E. KATHARINE TODD.
Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

MRS. PANKHURST IN IRELAND.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir.—Mrs. Pankhurst's visit was a great treat for us all and has proved a very helpful stimulus. I expect we shall send 10 volunteers for active service if necessary in November.

Yours, etc.,

MARGARET E. COUSINS.

A PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATION.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

Dear Sir.—I think your correspondent "M.D." [see Votes for Women, Oct. 26] belabours Mrs. Sidney Webb for a point with which she does not deal in her article in VOTES FOR WOMEN of October 7. It is more than probable that Mrs. Webb is also indignant at the way degenerate men force unwanted offspring on their helpless and neglected wives. But she is not speaking of that; she is speaking of the law, made ostensibly to help the mother, being framed that though the woman has often no power to work and save for herself, she is to be debarred from help in the hour of her need. The case is well put by Eric Evans, M.D., in a recent number of the *British Medical Journal*: (a) Law increasingly deprives married women of the power to undertake remunerative work so that they may save for their own expenses. (b) Lord Beauchamp says that (whatever the condition of the mother) "there is no obligation to send for the doctor." (c) A medical correspondent writes blaming the mother for not making provision, and says Mrs. Webb's sympathies are wasted, (d) and yet, Dr. Eric Evans concludes, "People are wondering at the declining birth rate."

Yours, etc.,

ANOTHER M.D.

"NAGGING."

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

DEAR SIR.—It has ever struck me with amazement, each time the occasion arises, that whichever line the women take to obtain their freedom they are always met with the answer that they are going the wrong way about it. I need only quote Mr. Haldane's most recent utterances about the methods of the women in their fight for liberty to prove that once more, according to custom, we are on the wrong tack. Speaking at East Linton, he says:—"The women must work and influence public opinion," and goes on to say that he is sometimes asked how that is to be done. Taking the line of least resistance, he proceeds to say how it is not to be done, and the sum and total of his advice is that they are not to "nag." Would it be very unreasonable to ask the exact meaning of the word "nag"? Is it "nagging" for a woman and "heckling" for a man? . . . Mr. Haldane must know, as every thinking man and woman knows, that the impudent widow won her cause by "wearing" the unjust judge. . . . And so it has been through all time and history. All liberty and reform, without exception, have been won right down the ages by first "wearing" the unjust judges and then, while the door was still closed against the people and their prayers, came revolution, with all its attendant miseries. Yet shall anyone to-day who has not the slave and serif blood in his veins, hesitate to choose the side of liberty and freedom? Who is there at this hour that would not in his secret heart stand with the barons rather than with King John? Or by the side of John Hampden than by that of his opponents? Not because these causes were successful, but because they were then, and are to-day, and will be to-morrow, the causes of liberty and right and justice.

Promises unfulfilled and pledges broken are no longer of any use to the great army of women whose fighting blood is roused, and who would rather stand or fall by their

flag than sit resignedly amongst the chains of their slavery and bondage. Even if it were a forlorn hope, they would be prouder to lead it than, placidly and without a murmur, to take their hands from the plough.

But this is no forlorn hope we lead! Within the hearts of each one of us there is the undying fire and enthusiasm and hope of the glorious dawn. We see the rift in the dark gloom and the azure blue beyond—once no larger than a man's hand, to-day, to those whose eyes are no longer held by prejudice and cant, a stretch of blue sky grows more expansive every hour, and the warm sun of ultimate success draws us on, upward and onward. Thus we answer the accusers who lay at our door the charge of "nagging." If it be "nagging" to stand shoulder to shoulder and to break the chains of servitude from our necks, then are we not ashamed, but glorified!

NORAH Dacre Fox.

UNREPRESENTED TEACHERS.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

DEAR SIR.—The plight of the unrepresented Women Teachers is certainly worse than that of Mr. Osborne, but it ought not to be difficult to secure redress in a similar manner. The N.U.T. annual subscription is due this month, and the time for taking exception to the deduction of 2s. for Parliamentary representation, is particularly opportune. May I suggest that new members tender the subscription minus the 2s., and that the Suffragist members of the N.U.T. bring this matter forward, without delay, at the quarterly meetings of their local associations. I would further suggest that at public meetings, by letter, and by deputation, Dr. Macnamara and Sir James Yoxall be urged to press the Prime Minister for time for third reading of the Conciliation Bill.

Yours, etc.,

TAXED, BUT VOTELESS TEACHER.

To the Editors of Votes for Women.

DEAR SIR.—I have recently spoken to several of Dr. Macnamara's supporters respecting his vote at the second reading of the Conciliation Bill, and have pointed out that the 35,000 women teachers, whose money was largely used to enable this gentleman to attain his present position, have a right to look for some proof of his sincerity. The reply has invariably been: "Dr. Macnamara does not now represent the teachers." I cannot say if this be true, as the working of the N.U.T. Parliamentary Committee is apparently secret; but whether, or no, I fail to see that such a plea relieves Dr. Macnamara of an actual and moral responsibility to women teachers, and think he should be pressed to secure full opportunity for the enfranchisement of those women who have financed and supported him.

Yours, etc.,

ONE OF THE 35,000.

THE DEPUTATION.

Letters from women all over the country who are eager to join the deputation to the Prime Minister (should one be necessary) are pouring in daily to Clements Inn. A few extracts follow:

"I am so glad to think the Government is to be again reminded that we women are in downright desperate earnest."

"I should love to go, but as I am a working woman I cannot, but I wish you all success in the grand work you are doing!"

"It seems so hard that those who have gone through so much should again be called upon to sacrifice themselves; but for some of us it is absolutely impossible, and, unfortunately, I belong to the 'impossibles.' We shall never be able to thank those who have gone on this deputation sufficiently."

"After a campaign of 40 years in all parts of the country, one has to be careful in winter. Alas! How many of my comrades have passed away. It rejoices me, however, to know that our great and most just cause is being more vigorously carried on than ever."

"I have had so many obstacles to surmount, but now I am very pleased to say I will join you in the deputation, and shall deem it a great honour to follow where you lead."

The last extract comes from a schoolmistress, who will probably have to "face the music" when the events which may happen in November are over. She writes:

"I shall be very glad if you will let me be amongst the number. Many times during the last three or four years I would have volunteered in the front rank had I consulted my own desires merely, but until lately I have had claims upon me which I could not honourably ignore. It has always been very difficult to refrain from joining in the militant work, and I welcome the opportunity. After holding up to admiration in school the patriots who have shown courage, honour and sincerity in the past, nothing could be more logical than to press home the lessons by actual example. This is a supreme moment for women."

Miss Margaret McMillan, who is so well-known in connection with educational work in Bradford and elsewhere, is about to start on a lecturing tour in America. She has undertaken to distribute W.S.P.U. leaflets, and to bring the suffrage question to the fore on every possible occasion. Had it not been for this engagement, Miss McMillan would have formed one of the deputation to the Prime Minister in November.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Two immediate duties—(1) Tell everyone about the Deputation, and explain its meaning. (2) Sell VOTES FOR WOMEN.

General Offices: W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

If there must be a deputation all London must be told the reason why, and to this end a great outdoor campaign is being started immediately. This will take the form of open-air meetings (see programme), bill-distributing, poster and megaphone parades, and other forms of activity. Only a few days remain in which this work must be done, and members are urged to give every spare moment. Those who cannot themselves take part in the deputation will be glad to do what they can, and as plans cannot be carried out without workers, large numbers of whom are wanted, every member is asked definitely to give some time during the next ten days. They should write to Miss Helen Cragga, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

With all this extra work, the sale of the paper must not be neglected, and while the regular workers are ever at their posts, new members who have joined lately, and have not yet done any active work are asked to undertake this as a beginning. If they will call upon Miss Arnswich, W.S.P.U., 156, Charing Cross Road, she will be glad to welcome them, and to put them on her list of sellers. Any time, any day, workers are always wanted! Members are reminded of the Speakers' Class to-night (Friday). Particulars will be found on page 93.

Posters and handbills advertising the Deputation can be had free from Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn.

CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hafford, 34, Barry Road, East Dulwich.

Will members please do their utmost to make the Whist Drive on Nov. 19 a great success? No tickets are issued, but subscriptions, £1. 6d. each, will be collected in the hall. If any member finds it impossible to attend, will she please send her subscription to Miss Walsh, 44, Rushey Hill Road, Camberwell. The next meeting for members and friends will be on Nov. 22, as 8 p.m. Miss Ashton has kindly consented to speak.

CHELSEA, KENSAL TOWN, AND BATTERSEA.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Haig and Miss Blacklock.

Mrs. Bouvier, with Miss Ellison in chair, held a successful open-air meeting at Worl's End. Members are especially invited to be present at the At Home next Wednesday. Many thanks to Miss Stratton for her subscription of 4s. towards general expenses, and to Mrs. Monck Mason for pretty Xmas things for the shop. Will others follow this good example?

CHISWICK.

Hon. Sec.—Miss G. M. A. Coombes, 32, Sutton Court Road.

CLAPMOUTH.

Shop and Office—486, High Road.

The third of the Friday evening meetings was held in the office last week when Miss Richards gave an interesting address. Local sympathisers are especially invited to these meetings. At the open-air meeting on Saturday last a working woman in the crowd seconded the resolution which was carried unanimously.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong.

On Sunday last a very interested audience was attracted by the forcible speech made by Miss Nancy Lightman. The resolution was carried by a large majority. Papers sold well, and a good collection was taken.

London Meetings for the Forthcoming Week.

November.							
Friday, 11.							
"	Army Clothing Factory, Pimlico Pier	Borough Street, Tchibroff Street	Brecknock Road, Boston Corner	Brondbury, Iverson Road	Catford, Tram Terminus	Chiswick, 956, High Road	Fulham, Katherine Street
"	Bulham, Kilverdon Hall, Kelvedon Road	Greenwich, Stockwell Street	Harrow Road, Sutherland Avenue	Kilburn, Brondesbury Road	Westminster, Orange Square, Ebury Street	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway	Westminster, Greycoat Place
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Willesden Green Library
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway
Saturday, 12.							
"	Clarendon Green	Clerkenwell Green	Coulson, St. Andrew's Hall	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Forest Gate, Earlham Hall	Harrow Road, Ebury Street	Westminster, Greycoat Place
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Willesden, Shop
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Millbank Estate, Earl Street
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Pentonville Road, Claremont Road
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Regency Place, Vincent Square
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Richmond, Fire Station
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Selincourt Mantle Factory, Grosvenor Road
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Westminster, Greycoat Place
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Willesden Green Library
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent, The Broadway
Sunday, 13.							
"	Battersea, Mosebury Road	Cricklewood, Yew Grove	Embankment, Surrey Street	Finbury Town Hall (Outside)	Forest Gate, Earlham Hall	Harrow Road, Sutherland Avenue	Queens' Hall, Islington Place, N.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Warwick Street, Tankbrook Street
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	West Croydon, St. Michael's Hall
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	West Norwood Fountain
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Army Clothing Factory, Pimlico
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Earl Street, Millbank Estate
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Dxford Broadway
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	100, Hammersmith Road, W.
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Horne Hill Station
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Kensal Rise, Harriet Road
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Kilburn, Victoria Road
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Lewisham, Avenue House, Avenue Road
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Paddington, 50, Praed Street
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Pentonville Road, Claremont Street
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Regency Place, Vincent Square
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Westminster, Greycoat Place
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Westminster, Greycoat Place
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Westminster, Orange Square, Ebury Street
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CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon.
Tel. 368 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Ewan, 79, Mayfield Road, Sanderstead, Surrey, and Miss Leslie Hall.

Helpers will be greatly needed at the jumble sale on Monday next (see Programme). Will all those who can possibly spare the time come to the Hall at 2.30 ready to serve at the stalls? Goods will be welcomed up to the last moment. A splendid stock of Christmas crackers is on sale, and members are asked to visit the shop before buying for Christmas. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Dodd 2s., Miss Nelligan 2½d. The 1d. a week fund is still calling for supporters. It is earnestly hoped all members will take this easy way of sharing in the shop expenses.

FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Heaney, 226, High Street, East Ham.

Members are urgently wanted to bring more friends to the Earlham Hall meetings. See programme. Mrs. Gurney is gratefully thanked for kind donation.

GREENWICH AND Deptford.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billinghurst.
Office—7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.

Enthusiastic outdoor meetings have been held. At Broadway, Deptford, on Wednesday, October 26, Mr. Bowden Smith, Mrs. Mary Leigh and Mrs. Leigh (of Lee) held the attention of a large crowd, and the resolution was carried with only one dissentient. On November 1 Miss Naylor and Mrs. Leigh addressed a large and sympathetic crowd in East Greenwich from a decorated trap. The resolution was again carried with only one dissentient. Also on Wednesday the resolution was carried unanimously at Blackheath Hill, when Miss Coombes and Mrs. Leigh were the speakers. A pleasant members' re-union was held on Thursday last. Mrs. Lorsignol gave an address on "The Life and Work of Josephine Butler." Miss Hope, Miss Cox, and Miss Wilson contributed some musical items. Many useful household necessaries were sold, and a good collection taken. Will members and friends send jumble sale parcels as soon as possible to the Hon. Sec.? More helpers for paper selling and canvassing are needed.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road.
Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

On Tuesday evening Miss Alice Wright gave a most interesting speech at the members' meeting. Many thanks to all who kindly sent jumble sale parcels. The sale was a great success, nearly £5 profit being made. Thanks to Miss Mackay and Miss Hunt, and all helpers who so generously gave up their time to helping. Will members please note that now the open-air meetings have ceased for the winter the weekly At Homes must be worked up. Charming Christmas novelties, suitable for presents, on sale at the office.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—29, Heath Street.
Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlett.

A very successful drawing-room meeting was held at Lenton, Platt's Lane (by kind permission of Mrs. Binnie), on Wednesday afternoon. The speakers were the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and Miss Canning. Members are reminded that there is very little time now before Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting, on Monday, Nov. 21. Will they call at the shop and help to distribute bills, etc.? Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Williams 1s., Mrs. Rose 5s., towards shop expenses. All contributions should be sent to Mrs. John Brindley, 4, Keat's Grove, Hampstead.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. C. Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road. Meetings were held in North Woolwich and Ilford, and splendid audiences assembled in both cases. On Saturday Ilford had a lantern parade to advertise the Albert Hall demonstration. The lanterns, which were afterwards strung above the lorry at the meeting, were in purple, white, and green, and were the work of Miss Harvey. Members are reminded that the Cecil Hall must be full on December 1, the date of Mrs. Dearden's concert. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Millar 6d., Miss Regan 1s.

ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 22, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

Will all those who are not able to attend the members' meeting please send in their subscriptions? Four local members visited the M.P. for East Islington on Thursday last, in order to thank him for having voted for the Conciliation Bill, and to ask him to support it in the future. They were received with great attention, and the member promised his support.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W.
Tel. 2116 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Bates, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

The November "at home" for which Miss Brackenbury so kindly lent her studio was well attended, many strangers being present, and Mr. Pethick Lawrence's speech was listened to with deep attention. Members are urged to concentrate their attention upon the Town Hall meeting on the afternoon of November 18. Volunteers are needed for canvassing, bill distributing, and for sandwich parades. Tickets (2s. 6d., 1s., and 6d.) for this meeting, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be the principal speaker, may be obtained from the shop. Members who will shortly be making mincemeat, Christmas puddings, etc., are begged to remember that such goods command a ready sale at the shop and that gifts of the same will be very welcome. Thanks to the following for contributions to the Jumble Sale—Mrs. Hartley Withers, Miss A. E. Willson, Miss C. Newman, Miss Violet Hunt, Mrs. Sidney, Miss Kraft, Mrs. Fasken, Miss Esther Grey, Mrs. Berncastle, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Weston Wigg, Miss Olrini, Mrs. Collard Bushell, Mrs. H. Silver.

LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 27, Dremstead Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 25, Acacia Grove, Dulwich. Two very successful drawing-room meetings were addressed by Miss Leonora Tyson during the week. The first took place on Wednesday, at 28 Thornton-avenue, Streatham Hill, by the kindness of Mrs. Krueger, who herself introduced the speaker, and a new member, Mrs. Wallas, gave the second at her house in Herne Hill. Dr. Ross Ford took the chair. Many new members were made, the remaining Albert Hall tickets were sold, and a good deal of literature was disposed of. Who will volunteer to arrange the next? Mrs. Lamartine Yates' lecture on Mary Wollstonecraft was most delightful, and greatly appreciated by all.

LEWISHAM.

Shop and Offices—107, High Street, Lewisham.
Shop hours, 2 to 8 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 25, Mount Pleasant Road.

The Hilly Fields Sunday meetings have become quite an institution, and a crowd of *habitues* listened with great interest to Mrs. Bouvier's account of the reception accorded by Major Carter (the local M.P.) to a representative delegation of Lewisham women. Miss C. Townsend held a successful meeting in the Lewisham Market Place on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Members and friends please come in full force to the first Public At Home of the season on Tuesday next (see programme). Admission free. At Home cards can be obtained at the shop. A Whist Drive and Dance will be held at Avenue House on Wednesday, Dec. 7; tickets 1s., can also be obtained at the shop. Christmas presents on view at the shop and at the At Home inspection invited. Thanks to Mrs. Saward, who has joined the list of contributors to shop rent. More parcels for the Jumble Sale will be most welcome. Will members of other local unions and members of headquarters help?

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clara Browne, 11, Gladsmuir Read, Highgate.

In the unavoidable absence of Miss Herbert at Hornsey Road last Friday, Miss Kendall, who was to have chaired, took the meeting and did well. Miss Bonwick spoke to a large crowd at Glesbach Road last Saturday, and the resolution was passed with a good majority. Members and friends are cordially invited to the At Home next Thursday (see programme).

N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1153 Hampshire. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 12, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

If members will call at the shop they will be delighted to see the beautifully-bound volume of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, with a most kind inscription by Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, sent to them as a prize to this Union for coming in second in the *VOTES FOR WOMEN* selling competition. The shop has had wonderful sales during the week, the new stock being much admired and appreciated. Outdoor meetings have been good, and the resolution invariably well-carried. Gratefully acknowledged—Mrs. Aberbach 1s.; Mrs. A. J. Webb 5s., Miss Elsa Myers 5s., Mrs. Penn Gaskell 5s., Anonymous 5s.; Mrs. Snowman 2s., Miss Wilson 2s., Mrs. A. Perkin 5s., Mrs. Cregan 1s.

PADDINGTON AND MARBLEBONE.

Shop and Office—80, Praed Street, W.
Hon. Sec.—Hon. Mrs. Haverfield.

The shop is doing very well; each month the profits are larger. Mrs. Morgan Brown held an informal meeting of shop girls at her house, 106, Gloucester Terrace, where she dispensed hospitality and gave an address. Mrs. Haverfield also spoke. Will friends kindly remember that any articles suitable for sale at Christmas will be gratefully accepted? All are welcome at the shop, where teas at 3d. a head can be had every afternoon.

PUTNEY AND FULHAM.

Shop—90, Fulham Road.
Hon. Secs.—Miss Cutten, 37, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. Roberts.

The whist drive was very successful. Many thanks to Mrs. Moore who gave two handsome prizes, Miss M. Brown who procured the cards, and to Mrs. Furley Smith and others for so kindly providing an abundant and excellent supply of refreshments. Members and friends are urged to attend to-night's debate (see programme) to support Miss West. Admission free, reserved seats 3d., tickets to be obtained at the shop. On Thursday, November 17, a series of Members' Rallies at the shop will be inaugurated. Tea will be served free from 4 to 7. There will be no speeches. Will teachers and civil servants please call in on their way home? Mrs. Oliver-Watts has kindly promised to act as hostess. Gratefully acknowledged—Miss Gilliat, 5s., Mrs. Moore 1s., Mrs. Oliver-Watts, 2s., towards shop fund, special curios sold £1 1s. 6d. £1 1s. 6d. still to be raised.

RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glengarriff, Kew Road, Richmond.

Last Saturday, at the Richmond Fire Station, Miss Jacobs had a capital meeting. Many questions were asked, and much interest was shown. Miss Arnott in the chair. The usual members' meeting was held on November 7, when arrangements for the present month were discussed.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop—6, Victoria Crescent, Broadway. Tel. 1922 P.O. Wimbledon.

The week has been a busy one. The annual general meeting, held too late to be more than mentioned in last week's report, elected a new committee to carry on the ever-increasing developments of the local work. One unavoidable change has to be recorded with deep regret. Mrs. Lorsignol is leaving the neighbourhood, and therefore obliged to relinquish her office of hon. secretary. Members wish her health and success in her new sphere of work. The committee have asked Mrs. Lamartine Yates to take the double office of organising secretary and treasurer, with Mrs. Michael and Miss H. Biggar as assistants in the respective departments. Mrs. Eggleton remains chief shop steward. The year's report showed a turnover of £280 with a surplus of assets over liabilities of £56 17s., and does credit to the enthusiasm and tenacity of the inner band of loyal workers as well as to the management. This news prompted generosity, and immediately a special contribution of £1 7s. 10d. was raised for the Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy Fund. Jumble Sale preparations have kept everyone at work. Thanks to Miss W. Muskett for the pretty entrance tickets, and to everyone for parcels. Will stewards be in their places by 2.30 sharp to-morrow (Saturday). Mrs. Bates gave an interesting address on Wages and Work at the weekly Friday evening At Home, and a good collection was taken. Mrs. Dickinson proved an excellent chairman. At the Sunday meeting on the Common a fair crowd listened to Dr. Gordon Clarke. The paper sold well, and Albert Hall tickets were in request.

Home Counties.**BARNET.**

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 18, Strafford Road, Barnet.

Members and friends are urged to attend the meeting next Monday.

Monday, Nov. 14.—National School, Wood Street, Miss Margaret West, 8 p.m.

BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billinghurst, 45, Tavistock Place.

Now Miss Joachim and Miss Douglas Smith have left, members are asked to help to keep up the interest that has been aroused. The drawing-room meeting held in St. Michael's School-Hall on Wednesday, by the kindness of Miss Tuohy, was a great success, the collection amounting to 10s. 4d. Members and friends please note that Miss Snell, 22, Goldington-avenue, has kindly consented to act as treasurer, and will be very glad of subscriptions to the local funds. The next meeting will be held on December 12, when Lady Constance Lytton will speak.

BEAUMONT-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Young, "Barbican," Sea Road, Beaumont.

Encouraging work was done on Saturday afternoon at Little Common, when every house in the village was canvassed. The villagers seemed for the most part very interested. Several copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* being sold.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Gwenllian Lewis, 221, Old Christchurch Road, Lansdowne, Bournemouth.

Hours: 11-1 and 2.30-3.

The date of jumble sale is fixed for Monday, Nov. 14, at 3 o'clock. Bundles must be sent in as soon as possible.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

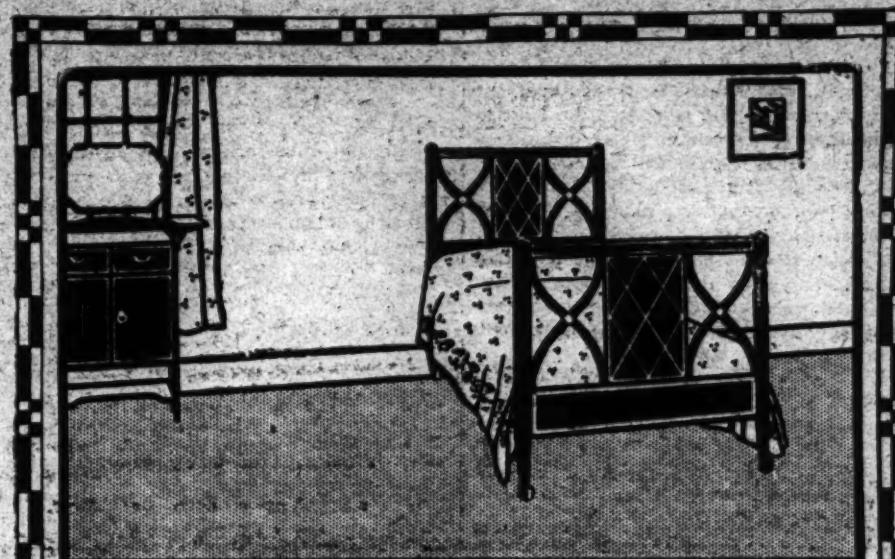
Office—8, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 4823 (Nat.).
Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

Arrangements for the open-air demonstration tomorrow (Saturday) are now well in hand. Will members please turn up in force for poster-selling, &c.? Those who have been unable to offer for the deputation must feel bound to do some extra work for the cause in some other way. Their help will be welcomed.

Saturday, Nov. 12.—The Level, Open-Air Demonstration. Miss Helen Ogston, Victor Duval, Esq., J. Hall.

Christmas presents on view at the shop and at the At Home inspection invited. Thanks to Mrs. Saward, who has joined the list of contributors to shop rent.

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Mrs. Pethick Lawrence's meeting this afternoon at Margate is the event of the week. Suffragists are urged to bring as many strangers as possible, so that the eloquent speaker may reach numbers of those still outside the movement. Mrs. Lawrence will be able to describe the great Albert Hall meeting of the night before, and to give an account of events in London during this stirring week. Miss Winifred Jones made a charming little speech at the Ramsgate At Home on November 3. Thence Suffragists will be delighted to hear that Mr. Norman Craig has signed the memorial to the Prime Minister asking for facilities for the Conciliation Bill. For an account of his interview with the Hon. Secretary of the Ramsgate N.U.W.S.S. and the local W.S.P.U. organiser see p. 84. Members and friends are reminded of a very simple, but effective, way of helping to swell the local funds, i.e., the sending to the office, 2, York Terrace, Ramsgate, of gifts of tea, coco, jam (especially home-made), marmalade, sweets, &c. There is a ready sale for these useful articles. Those buying Christmas presents should inspect Miss Lightman's pretty lavender toilet preparations.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Margate, Theatre Royal, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Chair, E. S. Oak-Rhind, Esg., 3 p.m.

KNEBWORTH.

Organiser—Lady Constance Lytton, Homewood.

A meeting was held in the New Hall on Thursday last, under the patronage of the Dowager Countess of Selborne in the chair. Lady Stout addressed the meeting, and pointed out the effects of Woman Suffrage in New Zealand. Mr. Cecil Chapman also spoke. Lady Constance Lytton moved the resolution, which was carried.

OXFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. F. Richards, 200, Woodstock Road.

Shop—15, High Street. The event of the week has been the Committee's decision to accept an offer for a shop as temporary premises. Members are asked to make this step known, and to do their utmost to render the shop a success. Already the street sale of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* on Fridays and Saturdays has been fruitful of results, and is increasingly successful in regard to the number sold. An informal but enjoyable At Home was held at Miss Vaughan's on Thursday; Mr. Andrew Renstone addressed an open-air meeting at The Plain on Friday evening.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss G. A. L. Marsh, 7, Cranewater Avenue, Portsmouth.

Members are requested to wear short skirts and small hats for poster parades. Tickets (prices 1s., 6d., and 3d.) for Monday's meeting can be had at the above address, and Storrs's, Palmerston Road. All tickets out on sale or return must be returned to-day (Friday). Southampton members are hard at work advertising Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting. This will be held in the Palace Theatre on Saturday, November 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets (price 2s., reserved and numbered; 1s. and 6d.), can be obtained at Hodges 117, Above Bar. Tickets out on sale or return must be returned without fail on or before Thursday, November 17, to Miss Marsh at 9c, Livingstone Road. Stewards are asked to wear white, if possible. Ribbon in the colours can be obtained from the organiser.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Portsmouth, Poster Parade, start Netley Road, 12 noon; 7, Cranewater Avenue, Members' Meeting, 7 p.m.

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trap will make a circuit of the outskirts of Birmingham to-morrow (Saturday) and Monday. Mrs. Wilson has kindly offered to drive. Members will greatly help arrangements by observing the rule that unsold tickets must be returned to the office on or before Saturday, Nov. 12, or paid for by the holders.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Queen's College, Miss Adela Pankhurst, R. Filkin, Esq., 3 and 8 p.m.; Poster and Lantern Parade, 6 to 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov. 12.—Special Parade, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov. 13.—Sally, Birmingham Labour Club, Miss Hutchinson, 5.30 p.m.
 Monday, Nov. 14.—Poster Parade, 1 to 2 p.m.; Lantern Parade, 7.15 to 8.15 p.m.
 Tuesday, Nov. 15.—Birmingham Town Hall, Mrs. Pankhurst, Hon. and Rev. James Adderley, Miss Dorothy Evans, 8 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowring Green Street, Leicester.

Tel. 1715 Leicester.
 Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick, Miss Bowker.

The lantern lecture next Tuesday must be ensured success by the active and energetic help of members. Volunteers for bill distributing, stewarding and paper selling are urgently wanted. Please call at the shop on Friday, Saturday and Monday and help. It is hoped to run monthly meetings at Melton Mowbray this winter, the first to be held next Wednesday. Please make this known. Members will be glad to learn that the Whist Drive held last Thursday was a great success financially as well as socially. Thanks to all those who so splendidly came forward with offers of help and gifts of refreshments.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Anchor Tenants Garden City, Debate, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 15.—Sunday School, Memorial Hall (New Walk), Miss Adela Pankhurst, 4 to 6 p.m.; Humberside Road, Trades Hall, Lantern Lecture, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Chair: Miss Evelyn Carrier, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—Melton Mowbray, Miss D. Pethick, 8 p.m.

NORTHFIELD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Earl, Rathvilly School.

Wednesday, Nov. 19.—Rathvilly School, Monthly Meeting, Miss Gladys Hazel, Miss Dorothy Evans, 7.30 p.m.

NOTTINGHAM.

Office—6, Carlton Street, Tel. 4311.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. Burgis, 21, Chaucer Street.

Miss Dorothy Pethick's visit on Wednesday gave great pleasure to the members. The Albert Hall meeting, at which Miss Christabel Pankhurst and Sir John Rolleston will speak, still needs a great deal of energetic work to ensure success. Will members call at the shop to-morrow (Saturday) morning, and volunteer for bill distributing? They are also urged to push the sale of tickets vigorously. Volunteers for stewarding send names to Mrs. Denman. The Sale of Work Committee wants help; money contributions should be sent to Miss Grenfell, and orders for plum puddings, mincemeat, Victoria sandwiches, and underclothes to Mrs. Evans, 48, Ebenezer-road, or to Mrs. Lee, 3, Ebenezer Grove. Sewing meetings at 6, Carlton Street, every Wednesday, at 2.30. Thanks to Mrs. Carl for providing a machine. Will all who take charge of the shop send a substitute when they cannot come themselves, as it is absolutely essential for it to be kept open for the sale of tickets? Gratefully acknowledged:—Miss Stafford Esq., Miss Lewin, 2s. 6d. Collections £1 10s. Id.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—Albert Hall, Miss Christabel Pankhurst, LL.B., Sir John Rolleston, M.P., 8 p.m.

West of England.

BATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansell, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

The usual At Homes were held last Thursday, when the members spent a very pleasant and profitable time. A number of members went over to Bristol on Saturday, and helped by stewarding at the Pageant. The next big event will be Lord Lytton's visit on Wednesday, December 7.

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT.

Office—57, Queen's Road, Clifton, Tel. 1345.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

At the weekly At Home on Monday last Miss Gladys Keevil gave a most excellent address. Some details of the Pageant will be found on another page.

Monday, Nov. 14.—Victoria Rooms, At Home, 3.30 p.m.

CORNWALL.

Hon. Secs.: Mrs. Powell, Rosslagh, Penzance; Miss Edith Williams, Glanstan, Devoran, R.S.O.

At Falmouth propaganda work is going on, open-air meetings being held, and an excellent weekly sale of Votes for Women. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss M. Brackenbury, 21; Miss Husband, 1s.; Miss Williams, 2s. 2d.

EXETER.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Montagu, Pantos, Crediton. Miss Keevil's friends were glad to welcome her last Friday, when she spoke at the Upper Victoria Hall. On Saturday she visited Axminster, to speak at a meeting arranged by Miss Tuker. Great interest is taken in the movement at Axminster, and the meetings are always well attended.

Friday, Nov. 11.—Upper Victoria Hall, Lady Isabel Margesson, 8 p.m.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. de Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue.

Hon. Literature Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

Will all members and friends please come forward and help at the meetings to-morrow (Saturday)? Afternoon meeting by invitation only; evening by ticket, price is., 6d., and 3d. Gratefully acknowledged: Mr. Haviland, 21s.

Saturday, Nov. 12.—Gaiety Hall, The Promenade, Lady Isabel Margesson, Chair: Rev. D. Hodgson, M.A., 3.15 p.m.; Right Rev. Bishop Powell, 8 p.m.

WILTS.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney, 37, Queen's Road, Clifton.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Katharine Abraham, 2, Biscourt Street, Devizes.

The weekly meeting of the Wilts branch was held at Warminster, where Miss Gladys Keevil made a fine speech, which was much appreciated. Miss Parsons, of Salisbury, in the chair. Special thanks to Miss Gale, who has done splendid work in Warminster lately. She has been indefatigable in canvassing the town, rousing many to a sense of the importance of the woman's question, and in distributing bills for the meeting.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—Box, National Schools, Miss Kenney, Mrs. Dove-Wilcox, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 18.—Devizes, Town Hall, Rev. Geoffrey Ramsay, 3 p.m.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 68, Mansingham Lane, Bradford.

At the last At Home at which Dr. Marion Mackenzie was the speaker Mrs. Arthur Priestman, the wife of a town councillor, took the chair in the afternoon, and Miss Hartland, a municipal sanitary inspector, in the

evening. The next one will take the form of a lantern lecture by Miss Adela Pankhurst on "Sweated Industries." Mrs. Philipp, a new member, is an energetic recruit to paper-selling, both at the Darley Street pitch and at theatre queues. More volunteers are needed. Papers may be had any day from the office for this purpose on sale or return. The demonstration on Sunday evening was a magnificent success. The hall was well filled with an attentive and enthusiastic audience, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Mr. Nevinson explained the details of the Bill; Dr. Lillias Hamilton made a brief but very excellent speech, and Mrs. Pankhurst's stirring appeal to women to join her on the deputation to Parliament if the facilities are not given to the audience.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—Bradford, Masonic Hall, Rawson Square, Lantern Lecture, Miss Adela Pankhurst, 8 p.m.

HULL.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

Members and sympathisers are reminded of the meeting to be held at Beverley Road Baths on November 29, at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Bradford and Miss Adela Pankhurst will speak; Dr. Webster in the chair. Please make this widely known.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 302, Westgate Road.

Co-operative women are very keen to know more about Votes for Women, and at the various meetings addressed by the organiser converts are made, and misconceptions cleared away. During the winter special efforts will be made to reach the women who are on the Municipal register, and volunteers will be wanted for house-to-house canvassing. Mrs. Leyden has kindly undertaken the sale of Votes for Women at South Shields, and three dozen are being sent to her on Fridays. Monthly meetings will be held in the Ingham Hall. Will South Shields members make a note of this, and bring their friends and neighbours? Prospective Town Councillors are being interviewed by some members on their attitude towards Woman Suffrage.

Friday, Nov. 11.—North Shields, Upper Room, Grigg's Cafe, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Violet Taylor, and others, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 15.—Bewell, Women's Co-operative Guild, Miss Williams, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Mrs. Williams and others, 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SCARBOROUGH.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Buffield, 22, Barnwick Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley, Scarborough.

It is hoped members will make a point of coming and bringing their friends to the Saturday evening meetings (see below). Mr. Cooper (the Vicar of Filey, world-known as the "Walking Parson") has kindly promised to chair for Lady Constance Lytton on December 9.

Saturday, Nov. 12.—West Pier, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Chair: Miss Suffield, 3.30 p.m.; 72, Westborough, Miss Adela Pankhurst, Chair: Dr. Mackenzie, 8 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 14.—7, The Valley, Sewing Meeting, 3 p.m.; tea, 4.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 31, Marlborough Road, Sheffield. Tel: Broomehill 48.

A good lantern lecture was held on Monday last. Mrs. Pankhurst's meeting was also very crowded, and most successful, the collection amounting to £12. It is hoped to open the Rotherham campaign next week. Lady Mabel Smith has kindly promised to help. Other volunteers are asked to communicate with Miss A. Pankhurst. Offers of work are wanted for the Southport Exhibition Stall; stall-holders who can spare days in Southport should write at once.

Monday, Nov. 14.—Speakers' Class, Miss Lillias Hawson, 6.15 p.m.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 31, Marlborough Road, Manchester. Tel: 2821.

At the meeting at Stanley Hall, Bootle, and the resolution was carried unanimously. Many thanks to Mr. John Edwards for moving the resolution, and giving such an interesting speech. Members are reminded that Mrs. Pankhurst will address them and their friends on Monday next at Pembroke Chapel, at 8 o'clock. This, it is hoped, will mean a reunion of members, giving them to help with the great work which must be done in this large city. Will "Two Sisters" please send correct address to Mrs. Hill, Malvern Wells, as the papers sent are returned? Address not known?"

Friday, Nov. 11.—University, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Miss S. A. Flatman, Chair: Mrs. Avery, 4.30 p.m.; Huyton Schools, 8 p.m.

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Monday, Nov. 14.—Liverpool, Pembroke Chapel, Mrs. Pankhurst, Miss Flatman, Chair: Rev. Harry Youliden, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17.—Birkenhead, 228, Grange Road, 8 p.m.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Miss Georgia Brackenbury and Miss Rosa Robinson.

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Two very successful At Homes were held at 35, Coney Street, on Nov. 1. Miss Kay Jones presided at one, and Mrs. Coulilate at the other. The speakers were Dr. Marion Mackenzie and Miss A. Pankhurst. A very good collection was made at both, and new members joined. A concert is being organised to raise funds. All information can be had from the Hon. Sec.

North-Western Counties.

BOLTON, BURY, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.): Mrs. Margaret E. Farrington, 118, Dorset Street, Haigh, Bolton.

Members who promised to help in the Southport Exhibition and Bazaar are asked to kindly let Mrs. Farrington know what they will do, and to forward any articles to her as soon as possible.

Monday, Nov. 14.—Bolton. Members' Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 15.—Preston. Market Place, 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16.—Preston. 41, Givens Court, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17.—Lancaster. 7.30 p.m.

LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—38, Barry Street. Tel: 3781 Royal.

Organiser—Miss S. A. Flatman.

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EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—4, Malville Place, Queensberry Street.

Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, B.A.

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Miss Christabel Pankhurst's Music Hall meeting was a great success; the hall was packed, even standing

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room being eagerly paid for. Miss Pankhurst made a wonderfully persuasive and eloquent speech. Mr. Victor Duval then told briefly of his treatment in Pentonville Gaol, and appealed to the men present to support the movement. Councillor Bruce Lindsay occupied the chair. A collection amounting to £140 was taken as a contribution to the Albert Hall meeting on November 10. On Thursday afternoon and evening members and friends had another opportunity of hearing Mr. Duval speak. On Tuesday evening Dr. Fairfield and Miss Burns spoke in favour of the Woman Suffrage Bill at a debate. The resolution was carried by a large majority. Cards of admission for the service at St. Giles' Church may be obtained at the three Suffrage offices—40, Shandwick Place; 33, Forrest Road, and 8, Melville Place.

Monday, Nov. 14.—St. Giles' Church, Devotional Service, 4.30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 17.—Art Hall, 117, George Street, At Home, Miss Una Dugdale, 3 p.m.; 8, Melville Place, 8 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sanchiehall Street.
Tel.: 618, Charing Cross.
Organiser—Miss Barbara Wyllie.

The organiser makes a special and urgent appeal to members to give every available moment during the next three weeks to the work of advertising the St. Andrew's Hall meeting on December 8, when Miss Christabel Pankhurst will speak. There is work for everyone—envelope addressing, canvassing, bill distributing, poster parading, etc. Drawing-room meetings are much needed; who will give one? Miss Grace Hay read a scholarly paper at last week's At Home. Will members remember that these At Homes are open to all, and bring the unconverted with them? Those who have joined the Speakers' Class are urged to attend regularly. This is a most important and necessary branch of the work, as open-air speakers are badly needed for dinner-hour meetings.

Members are reminded that considerable clerical work is entailed at the Head Office by the failure to notify Miss Kerr, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, of any change of address.

A PRESS VIEW OF WALTHAMSTOW.

The question whether or not the militant suffragists and their sympathisers exercised any influence on the Walthamstow election would seem, on the first sight, to be settled in the negative by the figures. Yet a leading Liberal who has to do with one of the chief Liberal organisations told me that these suffragists made the best Tory canvassers. The men canvassers sent out by the Tories, he thought, had little effect. Certainly the suffragist meetings were exceptionally successful.

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It is most urgent that all speakers should attend on Friday, November 11, as this will be the last class which will be held until after the Deputation on November 22. Miss Margaret Cameron has kindly consented to be present.

THE SINCEREST FLATTERY.

Evidently the police have profited by the action of the Suffragettes on the historic occasion when they hired a pantechinon van, in which members of the W.S.P.U. entered Palace Yard without their presence being suspected. Last Saturday afternoon, at Bethnal Green, the police raided a public-house where they suspected the uttering of counterfeit coins. In order to approach unobserved they hired a pantechinon van, in which they drove to the spot. On arrival the doors were flung open, and the officers, rushing out, were inside the house in a second. Imitation is the sincerest flattery!

GRAND SUFFRAGE MATINEE.

Since nothing succeeds like success it is not surprising to find a widespread interest being taken in the forthcoming matinee, the second of the kind, which is to be given on November 18 at the Aldwych Theatre under the joint direction of the Actresses' Franchise League and the Women Writers' Suffrage League. An unusually attractive programme includes a short play entitled "Stuffing," by George Paston. The cast is as follows: Mr. Fully, Mr. Arthur Chesney (by permission of Mr. Vedrenne); Mrs. Fully, Miss Clare Greet (by permission of Mr. Hawtree); Mrs. Linda, Miss Agnes Thomas (by permission of Mr. Trench); Johnny Lindsey, Miss Sydney Fairbrother (by permission of Mr. Trench). Another One Act Play entitled "The Home Coming," by Miss Cleo Hamilton, furnishes Miss Marion Terry with an effective rôle. In the now famous "Pageant of Great Women" Miss Lily Brayton will represent "Justice," Miss Lillah McCarthy "Woman," and Mr. Henry Ainley "Prejudice," while the historical characters will be impersonated by Misses Lena Ashwell, Evelyn D'Arey, Amy Brandon Thomas, Helen Haye, Dora Barton, Doris Lytton, Edith Olive, Lillian Brithwaite, Suzanne Sheldon, Eva Moore, Decima Moore, and Gertrude Kingston. Other Suffrage Leagues will be represented in the pageant by Mrs. Despard, Miss Frances Sterling and Lady Constance Lytton. Many leading actresses who have never before been actively associated with the Suffrage movement have promised to appear in special turns. Among these will be found the names of Miss Gertie Millar, Miss Evie Greene and Miss Olive Walters. The latter, who will be remembered for her finished performance of Tyltyl in "The Blue Bird," will on this occasion favour the audience with some of her exquisite step-dancing. Tickets at the ordinary Theatre prices may be obtained from the Actresses' Franchise League, 2, Adelphi Terrace House, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, 55, Berners Street, the Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, and the Aldwych Theatre.

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The hon. organising secretary reports excellent progress in Scotland, where the formation of several new branches will shortly be announced. Members are reminded that Parliament re-assembles next week, and no time should be lost in writing to M.P.s and urging them to assist on facilities being given for the Conciliation Bill to pass the Commons this session. Constituents should, if possible, make a point of seeing their member on the subject. Mr. Keir Hardie will move on the re-assembling of Parliament that the Conciliation Bill takes precedence of all Government measures. Members must impress on their Parliamentary representatives that unless they give Mr. Hardie's motion their firm and unwavering support they will not command the confidence of Suffragists. The hon. treasurer, in announcing the following donations, begs to state that funds are still urgently required to carry on and spread the work of this Union; also that gifts of chairs and drawer-boxes for the office will be gratefully welcomed. Amount already acknowledged, £176 2s. 3d.; Edward G. Whitehead, 2s. 6d.; A. Phillips, 6d.; Alderman Hanson's cousin, 2s. 6d.; Miss H. Corcoran, 2s.; Mrs. Ball, 1s. 6d.; Anonymous, 1s. 6d.; Miss Townsend, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Morris, £10; Ernest Lowy, £5; Hugh A. Franklin, £2 2s.; A. J. Baxter, £2 2s.; Lieut. Cather and Mrs. Cather, 2s.; A. Lowy, 2s. 6d.; Miss Ade Moore, £1; Wimbledon W.S.P.U., 10s. 7d.; Miss Freeman, 10s.; Miss Bibel Wright, 2s.; Ernest J. Ball, 2s. 6d.; W.S.P.U. member, table centre sold for 5s.; B. Lonsdale, 2s.; A. B. Harrison, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Casey, 2s. 6d.; H. H. Hanworth, 1s. 6d.; W. H. Metson, 1s. 6d.; M. P. von Haltorff, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Tyson Wolff, £1; Miss Wair, 5s.; Miss Annie Dowdall, 2s. 6d.; M. Block, 2s. 6d.; Ernest J. Follett, 2s. 6d.; Miss Decima Moore, 2s. 6d.; Miss Margaret Forbes, 2s.; G. H. Lay, 10s.; Collections, 2s. 6d.; Membership Fees, 5s.; total, £220 14s. 2d.

Manchester.—A successful meeting was held at the Oval Hall, Oct. 26, Mr. J. Hamilton Shaw in the chair. Councillor H. Ross Clyne, at great inconvenience, being in the midst of his election campaign, very kindly came and delivered a stirring speech. In the enforced absence of Mr. Victor D. Duval (then at Pentonville), the local Hon. Sec. explained the aims and methods of the M.P.U. Men willing to help by speaking, canvassing, etc., are urged to communicate at once with the hon. sec., Mr. H. Ambrose Carney, 16, Sycamore Street, Cheetham, Manchester.

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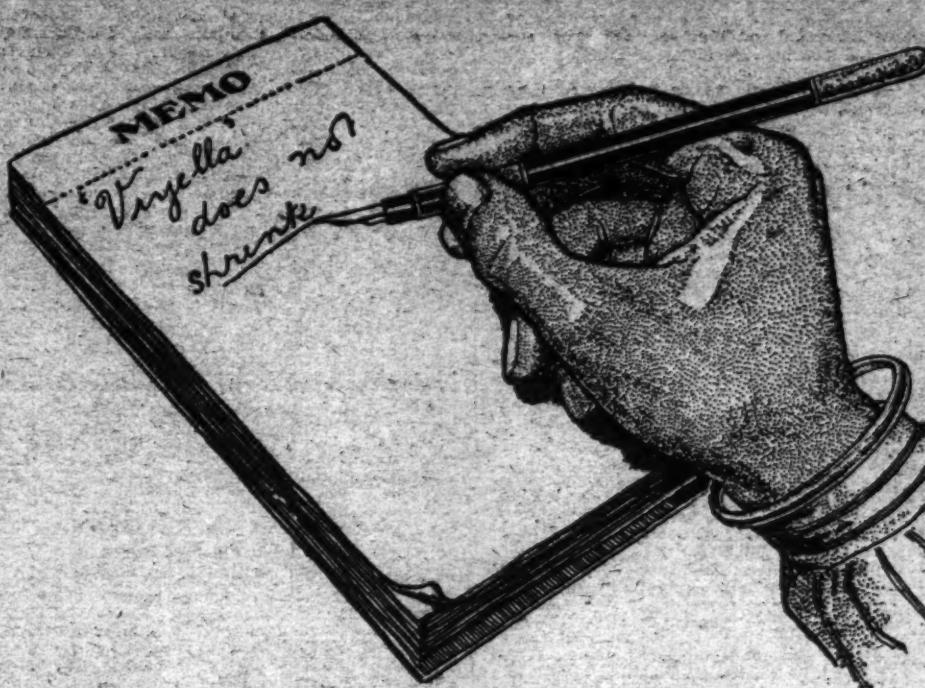
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A demonstration organised by the above League will take place in Trafalgar Square to-morrow (Saturday), November 12, at 2.30 p.m. All men who care for fair play are urged to attend what is likely to be the final demonstration before the assembling of Parliament. Further particulars may be had from the secretary.

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Tickets for to-day's "At Home" (see below) can be had from Mrs. Hinscliff, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, N.W. (Reserved Seats 1s. Admission 6d. Tea 6d.). Those wishing to attend are requested to secure tickets beforehand, as none can be sold at the doors. C.L.W.S. Christmas Cards, 1d. each, will be on sale at this meeting, and at the offices. This (Friday) evening's service will be conducted by the Rev. C. Hinscliff. The Procession to the Abbey on November 14 will be essentially simple in character; as we have not been allotted seats as a body, we wish to go as quietly as possible, and there will be no display of branch banners. The order will be as follows:—Banner, Clergy in Robes, Executive Committee, Graduates in Robes. Members of the C.I.W.S. We are glad to announce that next in order will come the Free Church Federation, who will go on from Parliament Street to their own service at Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road. Sympathisers are invited to walk in the rear of the Procession. Further details may be had from the Procession Secretary, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, N.W.

MEETINGS OF THE C.L.W.S.

Nov. 11.—At Home, 11, Chancery Street, W., (near Oxford Circus), 3 p.m. Speakers: Miss Abadam, Miss Frances M. Sterling. Devotional Service, Royal Chapel of the Savoy, 6.30 p.m.

Nov. 14.—Procession to Westminster Abbey, 3 p.m.

Nov. 14.—St. Swithin's Hall, Hither Green Lane, S.E. Speakers: Mrs. Close Shipharn, F. P. B. Shipham, Esq.

Nov. 16.—Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Chairman, Rev. Professor Margaloth. Speaker: Miss Maud Royden, Rev. C. Hinscliff, 3 p.m.

Nov. 17.—Kenilworth.

Nov. 18.—Leamington.

ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

On Friday, November 4, at the Criterion Restaurant another highly successful "At Home" was held by this League. On this occasion the meeting was included as one of the series being held during Suffrage Week in support of the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. J. H. Egan was in the chair, and the speakers included Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Partwee, Mr. Cecil Chapman and Mr. H. Campbell Johnstone. Mrs. George Edwards kindly acted as hostess. The hall was crowded and the resolution carried with only three dissentients. Mr. George Edwards has become a patron of the League.

FREE CHURCH FEDERATION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

On Monday afternoon, November 14, the above newly formed society will join with the Church Suffrage League in a procession, to be followed by a meeting for prayer and devotion. The procession will be marshalled at Clopperton's Needle, Victoria Embankment, at 1.45 prompt. The Free Church contingent will proceed to Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, where a devotional service will be held in one of the vestries. Those unable to attend are asked to set aside some time between three and four for private prayer. Men and women of Free Church principles who are in sympathy with the movement are asked to take part in this procession, and to join the society. All particulars can be had from Miss Hatty Baker, 30, Ham Road, Worthing. Those willing to join the procession and distribute these notices are asked to communicate with the demonstration secretary, Mr. T. G. Rogers, 4, Cholmondeley Park, Highgate, N. The general meeting of the Federation will be held after the service, at the Bustico Miles Restaurant, Chandos Street, at 4.15. All members and friends are invited to attend. Business important and urgent.

Miss Edith Downing writes that she has two pairs of scissors (from a set) and a silver thimble left by one of those who helped with the preparations for the last W.S.P.U. procession. Will the owner kindly write to her at 30, Tite Street, Chelsea?

A GOOD IDEA.

The Woman Suffrage Club, Boone (U.S.A.), has had a "rest tent" at the Chautauqua Grounds during the last month. Here the comfort of women and babies was cared for, and the members distributed Suffrage papers and literature. They hope to have a rest tent on a larger scale at another fair. This is a suggestion that might well be copied.

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